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Grafton Town Book of Records

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To Mr Aaron Hardy Constable for ye Town of Grafton Greeting
You are Required in his Majestys Name to warn all ye free-
holders and other Notable Inhabitants of this Town Qualified
according to Law to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at ye
meeting House in this Town on Wednesday ye Sixth Day of
this Instant May at three of ye Clock in ye Afternoon
on sd Day to act as followeth.
1 To Chuse a mod[r] for Said meeting.
2 To Chuse a man or men to Joyn with & assist mr Jonas
Netting Late Constable to Defend a Law Suit Commenced against
Him By mr Ebenezer Wadsworth to be Heard & Tryed at
Worcester ye Second Tuesday of this Instant May.
Hereof fail not, and make Return of your Doings Herein
to one or more of us at or Before ye time of meeting
Dated at Grafton May ye 5th 1742.

Phin[s] Rice
Matt[w] Sherman } Selectmen
Charles Brigham
Jewell Stevens

Grafton May ye 6th 1742. Pursuant to this warrant to me
Directed I have warned & Notified all ye Freeholders and
other Notable Inhabitants of the Town to meet at
time & place within mentioned at the time of meeting
Grafton May ye 6th 1742 Phin[s] Rice Constable.

At a Town meeting of ye Freeholders
and other Notable Inhabitants of this Town Legally warned to Assem
at ye meeting House in Said Grafton on Wednesday ye 6th Day of
May Current at three of ye Clock afternoon on sd Day Said
Freeholders & other Notable Inhabitants Being accordingly met
at time and Place Proceeded as followeth viz:
1 Chose mr Phin[s] Rice mod[r] for Sd meeting.
2 Quest[n] 2dly Put whether ye Town will Chuse a man or men to Joyn
with and Assist mr Jonas Netting (Late Constable) to Defend a
Law Suit Commenced against Him By mr Eben[r] Wadsworth
to Be Heard & Tryed at Worcester ye Second Tuesday of this
Instant and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.
Then Question 3dly Put Whether ye Town will Chuse
one man to Joyn with And assist mr Jonas Netting (Late Constable
as above Said and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.
Then By a vote chose Sp[n] Sherman for ye above Service

Phin[s] Rice mod[r]

To mr Aaron Hutchy Constable for Grafton Greeting

You are Hereby Required in his Majesties Name to Warn all the Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants of this Town Qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at ye meeting House in this Town on Friday ye 18th of this Instant June at one of ye Clock afternoon on S Day to act on ye following articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting

2 To Grant ye Sd mr Aaron Hutchinsons Sallevey for ye yeer 1742.

3 To Raise money to Defrey Town Charges that Have or may arise

4 To Raise money for ye Repairing & mending High ways.

5 To See whether ye Town will Allow Justice Hutchinson for Work cut ye High-ways in ye yeer 1740, under Natll Sherman Surveyor that yeer. Haue Not Committed.

6 To See whether ye Town will free, and Secure mr James Nutting (Late Constable) from any Cost & Charge, that Hay or may arise by a Law Suit Commenced against Him ye Last Session By mr Ebenr. Woodworth.

7 Whether ye Town will Sink and abeate ye Rates of Jacob Kinsman That was Assd upon Him in ye yeer 1740 in ye Hands of Solomon Stow Late Constable.

8 To See whether ye Town will Sink or Abeate all or Part of mr Natll Steadmens Settlement Rate to ye Sd mr Aaron Hutchinson in ye Hands of mr James Nutting Late constable for Grafton.

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with Your doings therein to one or more of ly at or Before ye Hour of meeting

Dated at Grafton June ye 15th 1742.

Nathaniel Sherman) Select
Israel Stevens) men
Joseph Marian)

Grafton June ye 19th. 1742. Pursuant to this warrant I Have Warn'd all ye Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time and Place as is Set forth in ye warrant

Aaron Hutchy Constable

Grafton June ye 18th 1742. at a Town meeting of ye Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of this Town Legally warn'd to be Held at ye meeting House in Said Grafton on Friday ye 18th Day of June 1742 at one of ye Clock afternoon on Said Day Said Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants being accordingly met at time & Place Proceeded as followeth viz

1 Chose Natll Sherman Modr. for Said meeting.

2 Voted & Granted ye Sd mr Aaron Hutchinson ye Sum of

Sixty Pounds Lawful money of New-England for his Sallery for ye Year 1742

By a Vote Granted ye Sum of Forty Pounds Lawful money of New-England to Defray Town Charges for ye Year 1742 That Shall arisen, or that may arise in ye Town.

By a Vote Granted to Jsaac Harrington ye Sum of four Shillings Lawful money for work at High-ways that he did in ye Year 1740, under Mr. Nathl Sherman Surveyor of High-ways that was ommitted.

By a Vote Granted ye Sum of forty Pound Lawful money of New England, to Repair & mend ye Highways in ye Town of Grafton for ye Year 1742.

By a Vote ye Town did Abate all ye Rate of Jacob Knowlton that was Assess'd upon Him in ye Year 1740 in ye Hands of Solomon Stow Late Constable.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Indemnifie and Secure Hannah mr Jsaac Nutting Late Constable for Grafton from all Cost & Charges that Shall or may arise By vertue of an action of Trespass Commenced against Him by mr Ebenezer Wadsworth. in Case ye Sd Jsaac Nutting will give ye Town, or any man, or men, that ye Town Shall Depute for that Purpose Sufficient Power & Authority to Implead & defend ye Said action of Trespass against Sd Ebenezer Wadsworth, or any other Person that may Prosecute Said action if any Be, and it Pass in ye Affirmitive

Put to vote whether ye Town will Abate mr Nathl Steadmans Settlement Rate. and it Pass in ye Negetive

Nathaniel Sherman Town Clerk

To mr Aaron Hardy Constable for ye Town of Grafton, In his Majesties name you are Required to warn all ye Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this Town Qualified By Law to Vote In Town Affairs, to meet at ye meeting House in this Town on Monday ye fifth day of march Next at Eight of ye Clock in ye forenoon on Sd Day to act on ye following articles viz:

1 To Chuse a Moderator:

2 To Chuse Town officers for ye Year Ensuing as ye Law Directs

3 For ye Town to Hear How they will Have ye School Kept ye Year Ensuing and How they will Provide a School master.

4 To Hear ye Report of ye Town Treasurer, or any of ye Former Treasurers of what Sums of ye Town money He, or they Have Received into ye Treasurey and Paid out of it.

and to accept thereof and to Discharge Him or them for ye Same if they See Cause.

5. To Hear ye Report of mr James Nutting Late Constable and Eph.m Sharman Chose by ye Town to Assist in ye affair Refferring to ye Law Suit Between mr Ebenezer Wadsworth and mr James Nutting and to act upon it if they See Cause.

6. to See whether they will Lett ye Some Land at Large ye Ensuing yeare

7. To accept and Discontinue High ways

8. To See How they will Have ye High ways mended for ye yeare Ensuing, and what ye Town will Allow for a man, and what for a Team.

9. To See whether ye Town will Erect and Set up Two Gates upon ye Road Between Will.m Holbrooks & Aaron Brigham for ye Convenicance of Travil on Sd way.

10. To See what ye Town will allow ye Heirs of Joseph Barritt for a way through a Part of ye Lot that way Capt Joseph Barritt that Lieut from Lieut Stevens to Great meadow Dem (so called)

11. To See whether ye Town will accept of ye way through a part of John Sharmans Lott By his House for a way, that way allowed across his Lott by ye River in Sd Lott

12. To Rais money to Defray Town Charges that Have, or may arise.

13. To accept Town Debts.

14. To See whether ye Town will Abate ye Rates of Abraham Temple or any Part of them in ye Hands of Solomon Stow Late constable

15. To See whether ye Town will Abate and Sink ye Rate of Ebenezer wheeler that were Assess.d upon Him for ye Payment of ye Rev.d mr Aaron Hutchinson Sallery this Last yeare.

16. To See if ye Town will Sink ye Rates off Joshua Winchester that were Assess.d upon Him in ye yeare 1742 in ye Hands of John Sherwood Late Constable:

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings therein, to one or more of us at or Before ye Hour of meeting.

Dated at Grafton Feb.y ye 12 1743.

Phin.a Rice) Select
Charles Brigham) men
Nat.ll Sherman)
Joseph Merriam)
Israel Stevens

Grafton March ye 5th 1743
Pursuant to this warrant I Have
warnd all ye Freeholders and other
Voteable Inhabitants of this Town
to meet at time and Place as is Set
forth in Sd warrant

Aaron Hardy) Constable

Grafton March ye 4th 1742 at a Town meeting of ye Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitents of this Town Legally warn'd to be Held at ye meeting House in Ds Grafton on monday ye 4th day of March 1742 at Eight of ye Clock forenoon on Ds day, said Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitents being accordingly met at time and Place Proceeded as followeth viz

Chose Charles Brigham Esqr Mod. for Ds meeting.

voted to Chuse five Selectmen for ye year Enguing.

By a vote chose Joseph Merriam.
By a vote chose Charles Brigham Esqr
By a vote chose Abner Stow.
By a vote chose Ebenr Brooks.
By a vote chose Natll Sherman.

} Selectmen

Then by a vote Adjourn'd their meeting for one Hower to ye meeting House In Ds Grafton

Charles Brigham mod.

Grafton March ye 4th 1742 at a Town meeting By Adjournment for one Hower To ye meeting House in Ds Grafton, the ye Freeholders & other voteable Inhabitents being met at time and Place Proceeded as followeth viz.

By a vote chose Ebenezer Brooks Town Treasurer.
By a vote chose Abner Stow Town Clerk.
By a vote chose Ebenr Wheeler Constable for ye South Side of ye Town.
By a vote chose Mosy Ewer Constable for ye north side of ye Town.
By a vote chose Benja Willard
By a vote chose Thos Rice
By a vote chose Natll Sherman

} Assessors for ye year Enguing

Then voted to Chuse ye Remainder of ye Town officers by Hands vote.

By a vote chose Tho Drury jun.
By a vote chose William Allen.
By a vote chose Jona Cooper

} Tythingmen

voted to chuse six Surveyors of Highways for ye year Enguing.

By a vote chose Natll Steadman.
By a vote chose Mesh Southwell.
By a vote chose Obadiah Newton
By a vote chose Natll Cooper.
By a vote chose Ezekiel Brigham
By a vote chose Thinchey Leland.

} Surveyors of Highways

Then By a vote Adjourn'd their meeting to Tuesday ye 6th day of March Current at Nine of ye Clock forenoon on Ds day at ye meeting House in Ds Grafton. Charles Brigham Mod.

Grafton March ye 6th 1742 at a Town meeting of ye Free-holders and other voteable Inhabitents of this Town by Adjourn-ment from March ye 4th 1742 to Tuesday ye 6th day of March Current at nine of ye Clock forenoon in Ds Town at ye

meeting House in D grafton said freeholders and other Votable Inhabitants being accordingly met at time and Place Proceeded as followeth viz

Voted to Chuse four Hogreeves for ye yeare Ensuing

By a vote chose Richard Pitchard jun.
By a vote chose Ebenezer Flagg.
By a vote chose Nath.ll Warrin.
By a vote chose Jacob Whipple.

} Hogreeves

By a vote chose Barzaleel Stowrs
By a vote chose Benj.a Goddard

} Five wards

By a vote chose Noah Brooks
By a vote chose Nat.ll Peall

} Deer Reefs

By a vote chose Solomon Stow
By a vote chose Eph.m Sheurman

} Fence Viewers

By a vote chose John Meynard
By a vote chose Liley Warrin

} Hogwards or field Viewers

By a vote chose Jonathan Rolph

} Sealer of Leather

Then by a vote Adjourn.d their meeting for Half an Houre to ye meeting House in D Grafton: Chuse Barzaleel Stowrs moderator

Then said Freeholders and other votable Inhabitants being accordingly met by Adjournment at time and Place Proceeded &c

Quer. 1st was Put whether ye Town will Enter two Gates upon ye Road Between William Holebrooks & Aaron Brigham Land for ye Conveniance of Travil and it Pass in ye Negative.

Then voted that ye Priuit way Allready Laid out from Simon Brooks's Land thro'. Will.m Holebrooks and Aaron Brigham Land be an open Road Two Rods wide.

Then Quer.n was Put whether ye Town will Allow ye Heirs of Joseph Barritt for a way thro'. part of ye Lot that was Capt. Joseph Barritts that Lyes from Lieu.t Stevens to ye great meadow Dam (so Called.) and it Pass.d in ye Negative.

Quer.n was Put whether ye Town will accept of Solomon Stow for Constable for ye north side of ye Town in ye Room of Moses Eveyer and it Pass.d in ye Affirmative.

Voted that there be a moving School the yeare Ensuing

Voted to Chuse a Com.tee to Order ye School, and to Provide a School master. ye yeare Ensuing

Voted to Chuse five for D Com.tee

By a vote chose Israel Stevens.
By a vote chose Joseph Whipple.
By a vote chose Jun.a Cooper.
By a vote chose John Meynard.
By a vote chose Benjamin Leland.

} for D Com.tee

Then Proceeded to Heare ye Report of James Nutting Lote constable and mr Ephm Sheerman Chose By ye Town to Assist in ye Affairs Respecting to a Law suit Between mr Ebenr Woodworth & mr James Nutting.

Then Proceeded to Heare ye Report of mr Ebenr Brooks Town Treasurer By Phinehas Rice Joseph Merriam & Charles Brigham and By a vote ye Town did Discharge ye said mr Ebenr Brooks upon his accounting for, and Rendering to ye Town ye Sum of Nine Shillings and Ten pence

Then Proceeded to Heare ye Report of Abner How former Town Treasurer, and By a vote ye Town did Discharge ye said Abner How as former Town Treasurer, upon his accounting for, and Rendering to ye Town ye Sum of one Pound one Shilling and four Pence

Lieu. Way Put whether ye Town will accept of ye way thro' a Part of John Sherman Lott, By his House, for a way that way Allowed acroſs his Lot By ye River and it Pass in ye Negitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Chuse and accept of Ebenr Thompson Tything man in ye Room of Tho. Drury Junr and it Pass in ye Affirmitive

Put to vote whether ye Town will Have ye Highway Rate this Present year made and assess on ye Inhabitants of ye Town by ye Last years Invoice and it Pass in ye Affirmitive.

Then voted that ye Highways this Present year Shall be mended and Kept in Repair in ye same meenner & Method that ye said Highways was mended and Kept in Repair ye Last year, as also ye same Price to be allowed viz. 0-2-6 per man a day and 0-3-4 per day for a pair of oxen and Cart and ye same Term allowed to work at ye Highe ways viz. from ye first of may to ye 20th of September next and no Longer except upon Specialty.

voted that those Persons (if any there be) that Have not work out all their Highway Rates ye Last year Past. Shall Have ye Liberty & Priviledge to work out what Remains behind this Present year.

Voted that those Persons (if any there be) that Have work out more than their Highway Rate ye Last year, Shall be allowed Credit on ye Highway Rates now in ye Last years Surveyors Hands.

Then by a vote ye Town did grant ye Sum of Forty Pounds to be Appropriated to ye use of mending ye Highways & Keeping them in Repair this Present year 1743.

Then by a vote granted ye Sum of forty Pounds to defray necessary Town charges this Present year Arizen or that may arise in said Town.

Then Proceed to accept Town Debts

By a vote Allowed to wilm Allen ye Sum of 0-2-8 it being for Timber he found to mend a Bridge to be Allowed to him in his Highway Rate this Present year.

Then by a vote Adjourn their meeting to monday ye 19th day of this instant March at one of ye Clock afternoon on ye day at ye meeting House in Ye Grafton

Charles Brigham Moderr

Grafton March ye 19th 1743 at a Town meeting of ye Freeholders and other Votable Inhabitants of this town by Adjournment from March ye 6th 1743. to ye 19th day of March Currnt at one of ye Clock afternoon on ye day at ye meeting House in Ye Grafton, said Freeholders and other Votable Inhabitants being accordingly mett at time and Place Proceeded as followeth viz

Voted, Whether ye Town will Reconsider their Vote they Past that ye [illegible] way from Simon Brookes. Throu: Will'm Holebrook and Aaron Brighams Land to be an open Road and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Then Put to vote Whether ye Town will Exceal Two Cart Gates on ye [illegible] way for ye Convenience of Travil and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive

Then voted to Chuse a Comittee to view ye Road from Lieut Israel Stevens's to Great meadow Swamp (So Called) to See what Recompence the Town ought to make to ye Heirs of Joseph Barritt for ye Road going throu: ye Land of Ye Heirs

By a vote Chose Decr Joseph Morison, By a vote chose Lieut Hez. Ward By a vote chose Mr Ebenr Flagg for Ye Comittee

Then Put to vote Whether ye Town will abate ye Settlement Rate of ye Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinson that was Assess upon Abraham Temple in ye year 1710 in ye Hands of Solomon Stow Late Constable and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive. Ye Sum is £ 1 - 0 = 3

Then Put to vote Whether ye Town will Sink or abate ye Rate of Ebenr Wheeler that was Assess'd upon Him ye Last year for ye payment of mr Hutchinsons Sallery & it Pass'd in ye Negative.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Sink or abate ye Rates of Josiah Winchester that were Assess'd upon Him in ye year 1742 in ye Hands of John Maynard Late Constable and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

By a vote Chose Robert Lattie Hogreif for ye year Ensuing.

Voted, Whether ye Town will add one more Surveyor of Highways to ye Surveyors Allready Chosen and it pass'd in ye Affirmitive. accordingly By a vote Chose Benjamin Goddard Surveyor of Highways for ye year Ensuing.

Charles Brigham Modr

To mr Solomon Stow Constable for ye Town of Grafton Greeting
You are Required in his Majestys Name to warn or notifie ye
Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of this Town to meet
at ye meeting House in this Town on monday ye 23 day of this Instant
may at two of ye Clock afternoon on D to act on ye following
articles:

1. To Chuse a mod[r].
2. To see whether ye Town will accept of Aaron Hardy for
a Constable in ye Room of Ebenezer Wheeler ye late Deputy
3. To See whether ye Town will Abate any Part of Elijah Allens
Rates for ye year 1742.
4 To See Whether ye Town will Discharge ye Heirs of Dec[d] Saml
Cooper as Town Treasurer, or Chuse a Com[tee] to Reckon with ye[m]
again, and to Discharge them if they See Cause.
5. To See whether ye Town will Abate any Part of Archabald
Weirs Rates for ye Year 1742:
6. To Accept Town debts:

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings
Thereon to ye one or more of ye sd at or before ye Hour of meeting.

Dated at grafton may ye 15th 1743. Eben[r] Woods
grafton may ye 21th 1743. Cheeley Brigham
Pursuant to this warrent I have Nat[ll] Sharman
warn'd all ye freeholders and Abner Stow
other voteable Inhabitants of Joseph Allerton
this Town to meet at time and
Place by it Set forth in ye warrant: Solomon Stow Constable

Selectmen

Grafton may ye 23th 1743. at a Town meeting of ye freeholders and
other voteable Inhabitants of ye Grafton Legally warn'd to be Held
at ye meeting House in ye Grafton on monday ye 23. day of may
1743. at Two of ye Clock afternoon on ye day, ye freeholders
and other voteable Inhabitants being accordingly met at time &
Place Proceeded as followeth. viz.

1. Voted. way Put whether they will Chuse a mod[r] for ye meeting
accordingly By a Vote Chose Nat[ll] Sharman mod[r] By Hardy vote
and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.
Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Abate, or Remit
the one Half of ye Rate of Elijah Allen that was Assess'd upon
Him for ye year 1742. it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.
Then Voted. way Put Whether ye Town will accept Aaron Hardy
Constable for ye South Part of ye Town of Grafton in ye
Room of Eben[r] Wheeler and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.
Voted way Put Whether ye Town will Chuse a Com[tee] to Reckon
with ye Heirs of Dec[d] Saml Cooper as Town Treasurer

Dementiony ett or Before ye first day of may next Ensuing
Do ye acceptance of ye Select men of Grafton then ye
Said Phinehey Leland Shall ye sum of four Pounds Twelve
Shillings for His Labour, and Also ye Renewing of ye Old
Pound into Repayment, over and above ye Dº sum £ 4 = 12 - 0.

13 Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Sink, or abate ye
Rates of Daniel Ward in ye Hands of Salomon Stow (Late
Constable and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive:

Phinehey Ricez modr

To mr Aaron Hawdy Constable for ye Town of Grafton
Greeting: In His Majesties name you are Hereby Required
to warn all ye freeholders and other Votable Inhabitants
of Said grafton Qualified according to Law to vote in
Town Affairs, whose names are Inserted in your this years
Rate List, to meet at ye Meeting House in Dº Grafton on
monday ye 4th Day of March Next at Eight of ye Clock
forenoon on Dº day. to act on ye following articles viz.

1: To Chuse a modrator for Said meeting.
2: To Chuse Town officers as ye Law directs:
3: To See if ye Town will let ye Swine run at Large
4: To accept of & Discontinue High-ways.
5: To See How ye Town will Have ye High ways mended &
Kept in Repair ye year Ensuing
6: to See How ye Town will order the School for
ye year Ensuing: and How they will Provide a
School master.
7: To accep of Town Debts:
8: To See what ye Town will Allow Jesse Harrington for a way
Laid out Through his Land
9 To See if ye Town will Sink, or abate ye Rates of Joseph
Arnold that is Assess'd upon Him for ye year 1743, or any
Part thereof
10 For ye Town By a vote to order ye Town Treasurer to Deliver
up to Charles Brigham Esqr a note that ye Town for a Pew
Spot in ye meeting House in Dº Grafton upon Condition ye Sd
Brigham will Relinquish Dº Pew Spot if they See cause.
11: For ye Town to Sink or abate a Part of ye Rate of Natl
Whitmore for ye year 1741: in ye Hands of mr John
Maynard (Late) Constable to Collect if they See cause:
12: To See if ye Town will abate ye Rate of William Green
in ye Hands of James Whipple junr Late Constable

Town of Town of Grafton, and Also a Part of ye Rates
that were Assd upon Him ye D Whipple in ye Yeer 1742
for Two oxen & Two Cows, or any Part of ye Rate.

13 To See if ye Town will Abate ye Rates of Joseph Whipple
for ye yeer 1743 in ye Hands of Mr Aaron Hendy Constable
that were Assd upon Him for Mr Hutchinsons Sallery.
Hereof fail not & make Return of your doings Herein
to ye or Some one of ye Before or at ye Hour of meeting
Grafton Dec. ye 15th 1744. Charles Brigham } select
Ebenezer Brooks } men
Grafton March ye 4th 1744 Pursuant Mattl Thurston } for ye
to ye within warrant I Have Abner Stow } Town of
warnd ye freeholders and other Joseph Mirrion } Grafton
voteable Inhebitants Qualified
according to Law to vote in Town
Affairs Inserted in my this yeer Rate
List to meet at time and Place to act on
ye following articles.
Aaron Hendy Constable.

To Mr Solomon Stow Constable for ye Town of Grafton greeting Ye
In his Majesties name you are Hereby Required to warn all ye freeholders
& other Voteable Inhabitants of ye Grafton Qualified according to Law
to vote in Town Affairs, whose names are Inserted in your this yeer
Rate List, to meet at ye meeting House in ye Grafton on Monday
ye 4th day of march Next at Eight of ye Clock forenoon on ye day
to act on ye following Articles viz:

1: To Chuse a moderator for ye meeting.
2: To Chuse Town officers as ye Law directs for ye yeer Ensuing
3: To See if ye Town will Let ye Swine Run at Large ye yeer Ensuing
4: To accept of, and Discontinue High ways.
5: To See How ye Town will Have ye Highways mended and Kept
in Repair ye yeer Ensuing
6: to See How ye Town will order ye School for ye yeer Ensuing,
and How they will Provide a School master.
7: To accept of Town Debts.
8: To See what ye Town will Allow Isaac Harrington for a way
Laid out by ye Town through a Part of his Land
9: To See if ye Town will Sink or abate ye Rates of Joseph Arnold
that is Assd upon Him for ye yeer 1743. or any Part thereof
10: Then ye Town by a vote to order ye Town Treasurer to Deliver
up to Charles Brigham Esqr a note that He gave for a Pew Spot
in ye meeting House in ye Grafton upon Condition that ye Brigham
will Relinquish ye Pew Spot, if they See Cause.
11: Then ye Town to Sink or abate a part of ye Rate of Nathaniel
Whitmoore for ye yeer 1743 in ye Hands of John Allayne (Late)
Constable to Collect, if they See Cause.
12 To See if ye Town will abate ye Rates of Will.m Ward in ye Hands
of James Whipple jun.r (Late) Constable, for ye Town of Grafton and also
a Part of ye Rates that were assd upon Him ye Said Whipple.

The year 1742: for two oxen. & Two Cows or eny Part of D Rate

13: To See if ye Town will abate ye Rate of Joseph Whipple for ye year 1743 in ye Hands of Mr. Aaron Hardy Constable that was Assess upon Him for Mr. Hutchinsons Salleries:

Here of fail not and make Return of your doings Herein to us or Some one of us Before or at ye Hour of meeting:

Grafton Feb.y ye 15th 1743.

Charles Brigham
Natll Sharman
Ebenezer Brooks
Abner Stow
Joseph Merium
} Selectmen for ye Town of Grafton

Grafton march ye 4th 1743.

Pursuant to this warrent I Have warn all ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitents to meet at time and Place as is set forth in D warrant

Solomon Stow Constable.

Grafton March ye 4th 1744 at a Town meeting of ye Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitents of this Town Legally warn to be Held at ye meeting House in D Grafton on monday ye 4th day of march 1744. at Eight of ye Clock forenoon on D day.

Said freeholders & other voteable Inhabitents being accordingly met at time & Place Proceeded as followeth viz.

1: Chose Charles Brigham Esqr Moderator.

2: Voted to Chuse five Selectmen for ye year Ensuing.

3. By a vote chose Deacn Joseph Merium.
4 By a vote chose Abner Stow.
5: By a vote chose Charles Brigham Esqr.
6: By a vote chose Ebenr Brooks.
7: By a vote chose Ephm Sherman
} Selectmen for ye year Ensuing

8. By a vote chose Ebenr Brooks Town Treasurer for ye year Ensuing
9: By a vote chose Abner Stow Town Clerk for ye year Ensuing
10: Then voted to Chuse Two Constables for ye year Ensuing:
11: By a vote chose Benja Willard Constable for ye north side of ye Town for ye year Ensuing. Sum
12: By a vote chose Joseph Perry Constable for ye South side of ye Town for ye year Ensuing:

Then By a vote Adjourn their meeting for Half an Hour to ye meeting House in D Grafton Charles Brigham Moderator

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Said freeholders and other voteable Inhabitents Being accordingly met By Adjournment at time and Place Proceeded as followeth.

Then voted to Chuse three Assessors for ye year Ensuing

By a vote chose Lieut Samll Wheeler
By a vote chose Ebz. Taylor
By a vote chose Joseph Batchelder
} Assessors for ye year Ensuing

voted to Chuse three Deathiny men for ye year Ensuing

By a vote chose Benja Gaddard.
By a vote chose Natll Bell.
By a vote chose Ezekiel Brigham.
} Deathiny men for ye year Ensuing

voted to Chuse five Surveyors of Highways for ye year Ensuing

By a vote chose Jacob Whipple
By a vote chose Joseph Willard jun.
By a vote chose Deac. Joseph Marian
By a vote chose Charles Bridham Esq.
By a vote chose Isaac Harrington } Surveyors of High ways for ye Year Enuing.

voted to chuse four Hogreifs for ye year Enuing.
By a vote chose Tho. Axtell
By a vote chose Amos Wait
By a vote chose John Holbrook
By a vote chose Andrew Adams } Hogreifs for ye year Enuing

Voted not to Let of Swine Run at Large ye year Enuing.
By a vote chose Joseph Price
By a vote chose Joseph Batchellor } Fence Viewers.
By a vote chose Aaron Hardy
By a vote chose Jacob Stevens } Haywards or Field Driver.
By a vote chose John Goulden } Sealer of Leather for ye year Enuing.
By a vote chose Zach Brooks
By a vote chose Shinehas Leuland } Deer Reifs for ye year Enuing.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Have a moving School into five Parts of ye Town ye year Enuing, and it past in ye Affirmitive
Put to vote whether ye Town will chuse a Com.tee to order ye Schools and to Provide a Schoolmaster for ye year Enuing and it pass'd in ye affirmitive.

Then voted to chuse five for Sd Com.tee
By a vote chose Benj.a Winchester
By a vote chose Jacob Whipple
By a vote chose Isaac Harrington
By a vote chose John Sharman
By a vote chose Mr. Cl. Heasmeen } For Said Com.tee

Then By a vote Adjourn.d their meeting to Tuesday ye 5th day of this Instant march at Twelve of ye Clock noon on Sd day at ye meeting House in Sd Grafton.

Charles Bridham moder.

Grafton march ye 5th 1744 at a Town meeting of ye free-holders and other voteable Inhabitants of Sd Grafton by Adjournm.t from march ye 1st 1744 to ye 5th day of this Instant march at Twelve of ye Clock noon on Sd day at ye meeting House in Sd Grafton; Sd freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of this Town being accordingly met at time & Place Proceed as followeth viz.

voted to Have ye High ways in Sd Grafton for ye year Enuing mended in ye same way & manner as ye Sd High ways were mended and Kept in Repair ye Last year, & to Term of time to work and Price allowed Last year viz 2-2-6 per day to a man and 2-1-4 for a pair of oxen & a Cart per day Labour in mending ye Sd High ways. Excepting this ye Surveyors of High ways for ye year Enuing to be chose Collectors, to Collect ye sum or sums of money that are or may be Assess.d upon any Person or Persons, of ye Inhabitants of this Town for ye mending and Keeping of Sd

Highways in Repair ye yeer Ensuing in case any person or Persons Refuse or neglect to work out their Highway Rate after Seasonable warning being given to them by ye Surveyors of Highways (of highways) Then by a vote Chose ye Surveyors, Collectors that are Already Chosen Surveyors for ye yeer Ensuing. viz: Jacob Whipple Joy. 2dly Deac. Joseph Morlam: Charles Bonisham Esqr & Isaac Harrington Then Voted that those that Have work'd out more then their Highway Rate ye Last year Shall Have Credit upon their Highway Rate ye yeer Ensuing.

Then Proceed'd to accept Town Debts:

Pay a vote Allowed, and Granted to Eph.m Sherman for Attending in ye Towns Service as a Com.tee at ye Superior Court at Worc.r Three days at £0=12=6 per day in ye Case Between Jasper Nutting and mr Eben.r Wadsworth.

By a vote Allowed and Granted to Ebenezer Cutler ye Sum of £1=6=0 to Time and money Expended in ye Towns Service as a Com.tee man With Eph.m Sherman

Pay a vote Allowed & Granted to meark Batchellor ye Sum of £0=9=4 To Repairing ye School House in ye yeer 1743.

By a vote Allowed, & Granted to ye School Com.tee viz Israel Stevens Benj.a Leland Joseph Whipple, John Maynard, & Sam.ll Cooper to Provide a School in ye East Part of ye Town for ye yeer 1743 £2=0=0

Pay a vote Allowed and Granted to ye D Com.tee to Providing for ye School ye above D yeer ye Sum of £2=2=0

Pay ye vote Allowed And Granted to D Com.tee to Providing for ye School £2=2=0

By a vote Allowed and Granted to ye D Com.tee to Providing for ye School £2=2=0

By a vote Allowed & granted to Cor.t Nathaniel Sherman ye Sum of £0=12=4 to Keeping ye Key of ye meeting House and Sweeping ye meeting House in ye yeer 1743. and mending ye Door of ye meeting House and for Repairing ye Town Pound:

By a vote Allowed & Granted to Abner Stow ye Sum of £0=5=4

To Renewing ye Bounds Between Uxbridge and Grafton in ye yeer 1743

By a vote Allowed and granted to Charles Bonisham. Esqr the Sum of £0=5=4 To Renewing ye Bounds Between Uxbridge and Grafton in ye yeer 1743.

Pay a vote Allowed & Granted to Ebenezer Brooks for Serving Treasurer ye yeer 1743. Threepence on ye Pound for Receiving in and Paying out ye Towns money.

Pay a vote Allowed & Granted to Phinehas Price to Serving Assessor Nine Days in ye yeer 1743. at 2: per Day £0=18=0

By a vote Allowed, & Granted to Benj.a Willard. to Serving Assessor Nine Days, ye above D yeer at 2: per day £0=18=0

Pay a vote. Allowed, & Granted to Nez. Taylor to Serving Assessor ye Above D yeer 6 Days and one day to Setting. with and Recon with ye Heirs of Dec.d Sam.ll Cooper Late Town Treasurer deceased £0=16=0

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will accept Enj.n James Whipple Constable for ye South Side of ye Town of Grafton Enjoining in ye Room of Joseph Dorsey and it Pass'd in ye Affirm

Put to vote whether the Town will Discontinue the Road, or way Laid out from ye Corner of Jonas Leelands Junr fence near his House Leading into ye Road, or way near ye Widow Adams's House, and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive

Put to vote Whether ye Town will Remitt or abate ye Rates of Joseph Arnold that were Assess'd upon Him for ye year 1763. Exclusive of ye County Rate Assess'd upon Him since Feb.y ye 14. 1763. and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will abate the Rates of William Ward in ye Hands of James Whipple junr (Late) Constable for the Town of Grafton to Collect; and also what D Whipple was Rated, for Two oxen and Two Cows in ye year 1762 in ye Hands of John Maynard (Late) Constable to Collect and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive

Put to vote whether ye Town will give order to ye Town Treasurer to deliver up to Charles Brigham Esqr a note that D Brigham gave for a Pew Spot in ye meeting House in D Grafton in Case D Brigham do Relinquish D Pew Spot, and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote Whether ye Town will abate ye Rates of Joseph Whipple that were Assess'd upon Him for ye year 1763 Towards m.r Aaron Hutchinsons Sallery in ye Hands of Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable to Collect, and it Pass'd in ye

Put to vote whether ye Town will abate a peice of ye Rates of Natl Whitmoore in ye Hands of John Maynard (Late) Constable to Collect that is not yet Paid viz 3=1=4 & it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

By a vote Chose Natl Sharmen } Five wards for ye year
By a vote Chose John Maynard } Ensuing.

By a vote Allowed Allowed & Granted to Israel Stevens, Joseph Whipple Benj.a Leland Saml Cooper & John Maynard ye School Comtee to Providing a School in ye middle of ye Town fifteen Weks and Two Days ye Sum of Six Pounds L.o [illegible]
Shillings and four Pence.

By a vote Allowed and Granted to Ezekiel Brigham Surveyor of High ways to Providing a Bridge over ye Brook under Below Corl Natl Sharmens mills and for Plank ye Sum of 2=12=4. Charles Brigham 3 mod.r

To mr Benj.a Willard Constable for ye Town of Grafton Greeting, In his Majesties Name. You are Required to warn or notifie all ye Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of D Grafton that are Qualified according to Law to vote in Town Affairs to meet ye Assemble at ye meeting House in D Grafton on monday ye 4th day of April next Ensuing at three of ye Clock afternoon on D day to act on ye following articles viz.

1: To Chuse a mod.r for D meeting.

2: To accept of a List of Jurie men Selected out of ye Inhabitants of S^d Grafton by ye Select men agreeable to ye Law of this Provin^ce to Serve on ye Pettit Juries, at ye Several Courts to Be holden at Worcester for and within ye County of Worcester for ye year Ensuing.

3: To Grant money to mend and Keep in Repeair ye Highways ye year Ensuing

4: To Abate or Remitt ye Rates of Aaron Kimball that were Assess^d upon Him in Grafton for ye year 1752 in ye Hands of mr. Aaron Hardy Constable to Collect.

5 To See if ye Town By a vote to give order to ye Select men to Draw money out of ye Town Treasurey, to Procure a New Town Blank Book To Record Town votes & orders in if they See Cause.

6: To accept Town Debts:

7: To See if ye Town will Sink or Abate ye Rates of Jonathan Adams (Late of Grafton Deceas^d) that were Assess^d upon Him in ye year 1752. in ye Hands of mr Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable to Collect.

8: To See if ye Town will Abate ye Rates of Jeams Wa^r That were Assess^d upon Him in ye year 1752. in ye Hands of S^d Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable to Collect:

9: For ye ye Town to Abate ye Rates of Jonathan Marble y^e were Assess^d upon Him in ye year 1752. in ye Hands of mr. Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable to Collect, or any Part thereof if they See Cause:

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Doings Herein to us Before, or at ye Hour of meeting Grafton march ye 27th. 1754. Cheerles Brigham
Abner Stone
Eph^m Sharmun
Joseph Marcum
Select men for ye Town of Grafton
Elea^r Brooks

Grafton April ye 6th 1754 Pursuant to this warrant I Have warned ye Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time and Place. Per^y Willard Constable

Grafton April ye 8th 1754. at a Town meeting of ye Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of this Town Legally warn'd to be Held at ye meeting House in D Grafton on monday ye 6th Day of May 1754 at three of ye Clock afternoon on D Day said Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants being accordingly mett at time and Place: Proceeded: thr:

1: Chose Charles Brigham Esqr Mod.r

2: Put to vote whether ye Town will accept of a List of Jurrs Selected out of ye Inhabitants of D Grafton by ye Select men agreable to a Law of this Province to serve on ye Pettit Juries at ye Several Courts to be Holden at Worcester for ye within ye D County of Worcester ye year Ensuing. viz.t Thomas Rice. Majr Joseph Willard. Lieut Samll Merrin. Enq.r James Whipple Mark Batchelder. Corp.t Natll Sherman. Ephm Sherman, Peter Goddard. Natll Steadman. Aaron Hardy: Joseph Rice: John Sherman Isley Warrin: Deac. Joseph Merriam. John Holebrook. Mrs Temple Noah Brooks. Nathaniel Clary. Solomon Stow and Jacob Whipple and it Pass.d in ye Affirmitive.

Then ye Town by a vote Selected out of ye above D number, Thom.s Rice, Majr Joseph Willard Samll Merrin. Natll Sherman and Joseph Merriam: to serve on ye Pettit Juries at ye Superiour Courts, and ye Remainder to serve on ye Pettit Juries at ye Inferiour Courts

Put to vote whether ye Town will grant ye Sum of Sixty Pounds Lawfull money to mend & Keep in Repair ye Highways in Grafton ye year Ensuing and it Pass.d in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Abate or Remitt ye Rate of Aaron Kimball that were Assess.d upon Him in Grafton in ye year 1752: in ye Hands of Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable to Collect and it Pass.d in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote Whether ye Town will Abate or Remitt ye Rate of Jonathan Adams Late of Grafton Deced. that were Assess.d upon Him in ye year 1752: in ye Hands of D Aaron Hardy Late Constable to Collect and it Pass.d in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Abate or Remitt ye Rate of James Wair assess.d upon Him in ye (above) year ~~1752~~ in ye Hands of D Hardy Constable & it Pass.d in ye Negative.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Abate or Remitt ye Rate of Jonathan Marble that were Assess.d upon him ye year above D in ye Hands of D Hardy to Collect. and it Pass.d in ye Negtive:

Charles Brigham Modr

To mr Isaac Whipple junr Constable for ye Town of Grafton
Greeting.

You are Hereby Required in His Majestie Name to warn all ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of this Town to meet & Assemble at ye meeting House in D Grafton on monday ye 25th Day of this Instant at one of ye Clock afternoon on D Day to act on ye following Articles viz:

1: To chuse a modr for D meeting
2: To Grant Money to Defrey Necessary Town Charges Arisen or that may Arise this Present year.
3: To for ye Town to Grant ye Revd mr Aaron Hutchinson His Sallery for this Present year.
4: To accept Town Debts

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with yr doings Herein to us or Some one of us Before or at ye Hour of ye

Dated at Grafton october ye 15th 1744.

Charles Brigham
Ebenr Brooks
Abner Low
Jos. Merian
Ephm Shumon
} Selectmen for ye Town of Grafton

Grafton octr ye 21st 1744:
Pursuant to this warrent I have warnd all ye freeholders & other voteable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time & Place as it Set forth in ye warrent.

Isaac Whipple junr } Constable

Grafton october ye 25th 1744.
at a Town meeting of ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of D Grafton Legally warnd to be held at ye meeting House in Grafton on monday ye 25th of this Instant at one of ye Clock afternoon on D Day: D freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants Being accordingly met at time and Place Proceeded as follows

1: Chose mr Ebenezer Brooks modr for D meeting.
2: ~~By a vote granted to ye Revd mr Aaron Hutchinson ye Sum of Sixty Pounds Lawfull money for his Sallery for this Present~~
2: By a vote granted ye Sum of Twenty Six pounds Thirteen Shillings and four pence Lawful money to Defrey Necessary Town Charges Arisen or that may Arise in D Town this Present year.
3: By a vote granted ye Revd mr Aaron Hutchinson ye Sum of Sixty Pounds Lawful money for his Sallery for this Present year
4 Then Proceeded to accept Town Debts &c.

Ebenezer Brooks modr

To mr Benjamin Willard Constable for ye Town of Grafton greet
In His Majesties name you are Hereby Required to warn all ye free
holders and other Notable Inhabitants of this Town Qualified
accordingly to Law to vote in town Affairs to meet & Assemble
at ye meeting House in ye Grafton on monday ye 3 day of march
next Ensuing at Eight of ye Clock forenoon on ye day to act on
ye following articles viz:

1: To Chuse a mod[r] for ye meeting.
2 To chuse Town officers as ye Law directs for ye year Ensuing
3: To See whether ye Town will Let ye Swine Run at Large ye
year Ensuing
4: To See How ye Town will order ye School ye year Ensuing
and How they will Provide a Schoolmaster
5: To See How the Town will Have their Highways mended &
Kept in Repair ye year Ensuing, & what they will Allow
a man, and what to Team per Day in Labouring in mending
and Repairing ye s[d] High-ways
6: To Allow Town Debts:
7: To See if ye Town will Repair ye meeting House in
N. Grafton & How and in what manner they will Repa
it.
8: To accept of a List of Jury men to Serve on ye Petit Jury at ye
Several Courts to be Holden at Worcester for ye year Ensuing
9: To accept off & discontinue High ways.
10: To See if ye Town will grant money to Keep ye High ways Grafton
in Repair ye year Ensuing, and whether ye Town will order
ye Assessment of s[d] money by ye Last years Invoice.
11: To for ye Town to abate ye Remainder of ye Rates of Archibald
Wair in ye Hands of mr Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable for ye
Town of Grafton if they See Cause.
12: To for ye Town to abate ye Rates of Aaron Kimbal in ye
Hands of Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable for ye Town of Graft
To Collect if they See Cause.
13: To for ye Town to Abate ye Rates of James Weir in ye Hands
of Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable if they See Cause.
14: To for ye Town to Abate ye Rates of Jonathan Marble in ye
Hands of Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable if they See Cause.
15: To for ye Town to Abate Jacob Whipples Rates for ye year 1764
that were Assess[d] upon Him for ye ministers Sallarey if they See
Cause.
16: To for ye Town to Abate ye Rates of Joseph Whipple that
are Assess[d] upon Him for ye ministers Sallarey for ye year 176
if they See cause.

Hereof fail not, and make Return of this Warrant with
your doings Herein to my or some one of us Before, or at ye House of mr
Dated at Grafton Dec[r] 17 A[o] D[o] 1765. Elias Brooks } Selectmen for
Grafton march ye 1765. Pursuant to this Joseph Allerton } ye Town of
Warrant I Have warn'd all ye freeholders & Abner Hora } Grafton
Other Notable Inhabitants of ye Town of Grafton to Chawley Bridgham
to meet at time & place

Grafton March ye 3d 1746 At a Town meeting of ye Freeholders & other Voteable Inhabitants of ye Grafton Legally warn'd to be Held at ye meeting House in ye Grafton on monday ye 3d Day of march 1746 at Eight of ye Clock forenoon of ye Day said Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants being accordingly met at time & Place Proceeded ye first

1: Chose Nathaniel Sharman Mod for ye meeting.
2: Voted to Chuse five Select men for ye year Ensuing or
3: By a vote Chose Eph^{m} Sharman
4: By a vote Chose Jos: Batchelder
5: By a vote Chose Joseph Rice.
6: By a vote Chose Nat^{ll} Steadman
7: By a vote Chose Hezekiah Taylor
} Select men for ye year Ensuing
8: By a vote Chose Abner Stow Town Clerk
9: By a vote Chose Joseph Rice Town Treasurer
10: Then by a vote Adjourn'd their meeting for one Hour to the meeting House in ye Grafton. Nat^{ll} Sharman Mod

Grafton march ye 3d 1746 at a Town meeting of ye Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants of ye Grafton by Adjournment for one Hour to ye meeting House in ye Grafton said Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants being accordingly met at time and Place Proceeded and

12: By a Vote Chose Joseph Willard Constable for ye North Side of ye Town of Grafton.
13: Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Accept of Joseph Willard jun^{r} Constable for ye North Side of ye Town of Grafton in ye Room of Joseph Willard and it Pass'd in ye Affirmative.
14: By a Vote Chose Thomas Drury Constable for ye South Side of ye Town of Grafton for ye year Ensuing.
15: By a vote Chose Benj^{a} willard
16: By a vote Chose David Harrington
17: By a vote Chose Nat^{ll} Peck
18: By a vote Chose Joel Crooks
19: By a vote Chose Amos Davis
} Assessors for ye year Ensuing
} Tything men for ye year Ensuing.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Have five Surveyors of Highways for ye year Ensuing & it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive accordingly By a vote Chose Benj^{a} Goddard
By a vote Chose Jacob Stowers.
By a vote chose Cheerly Bridgham Esq^{r}.
By a Vote Chose Benj^{a} Leland.
By a vote Chose Nat^{ll} Sharman.
} Surveyors for ye year Ensuing.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Add two more Surveyors to ye above ye number of five and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive accordingly by a vote Chose Eph^{m} Sharman
By a vote Chose Steven Hardy.
} Surveyors of High ways

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Chuse six Hogreeves for ye

Year Ensuing and it Past in ye Affirmative
By a vote Chose Noah Brooks
By a vote Chose Natl Sherman
By a vote Chose Abner Hoar
By a vote Chose Natl Clegg
By a vote Chose Willm Holbrook
By a vote Chose John Sherman
By a vote Chose Aaron Hardy
By a vote Chose Phinh Leland
By a vote Chose Jonethen Rolph
By a vote Chose Abrm Brown
By a vote Chose Hez. Taylor
By a vote Chose Jacob Stevens
By a vote Chose Andrew Adams
By a vote Chose Hence Herrington
By a vote Chose Natl Sherman

Hogreifs for ye year Ensuing

Seaw Reifs:

Sealer of Leather

Fireweards.

Haywards, or Field Drivers

Hence Viewers

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will grant Ebenezer Cutler Petition viz: to Allow D Cutler for Labour Done at ye Highways in ye year 1744 neer his dwelling House, out of his Highway Rate in ye year 1764: & for his Labour ammounts to more then his Hoys way Rates ye above 4 year, then to be allowed out of his High way Rates ye year 1764 and ye Labour to be valued By Two Surveyors for ye year 1765. and it Past in ye Affirmitive

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Reconsider their vote in Chuseing Thomas Drury Constable for ye year Ensuing and Dismiss D Thomas Drury, and it Past in ye Affirmative

Then By a vote Chose Nathaniel Cooper Constable for ye South side of ye Town of Preston for ye year Ensuing.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Let ye Swine Run at Large ye year Ensuing, and it Past in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote Whether ye Town will Have a moving School ye year Ensuing & it Past in ye Affirmitive.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Chuse a Committee to Devide ye Town into five Parts for ye School to be Kept ye Year Ensuing, that may Best Accommodate ye Town for ye Priviledge of Schooling, and to make Return of their doings Herein to ye Town at ye Adjournment of this meeting for ye Towns Acceptance, & it Past in ye Affirmitive.

Then By a vote Chose Jamis Leland jun
By a vote Chose Silas Lewis
By a vote Chose Eph Sherman
By a vote Chose Stanley Burgess
By a vote Chose Aaron Hardy
By a vote Chose Natl Sherman
By a vote Chose Hez. Taylor

For Committee

Then By a vote Adjourned their meeting to Monday ye 17th Day of this Instant, at Ten of ye Clock forenoon at ye Dwelling House of Nathaniel Sherman Junr

Grafton March ye 5th 175[illegible] at a Town meeting of ye
Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants of ye Grafton By
Adjournment from March ye 5 174[illegible] to ye 17th of March Current
at Ten of ye Clock forenoon on ye day at ye meting House in
said Grafton ye Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants.
Being accordingly met at time and Place Proceeded as Followeth
Put to vote whether ye Town will Have their Highways
mended & Kept in Repeir ye Year Ensuing agreeable to,
or in ye Same way & meanner, that ye said Highways
were mended & Kept in Repeir ye Year Past and ye Same
Price for a man & a Team (to be allowed) per day and ye said Price to be
Allowed ye Same Term of time as was Last year, Except
upon Specialtys, and it Pass in ye Affirmitive.
Then by a vote Granted ye Sum of Sixty Pounds to mend and
keep in Repeir of said Highways ye Year Ensuing.
Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Have ye said
Sixty Pounds Assessed upon ye Town by ye Last year Invoice
and it Pass in ye Affirmitive.
Then Proceeded to accept off & Allow Town Debts.
By a vote Allowed to Nathaniel Steadman one of ye School
Committee his accompt to Providing a School in ye Westerly
Part of ye Town Nine weeks Three Pounds fifteen Shillings
By a vote Allowed to Isaac Harrington one of ye School Comtee
to Providing a School master four weeks and three days in ye
middle of ye Town me Pound Three Shillings and four
Pence.
Then By a vote Allowed to John Sherman one of ye
School Comtee accompt to Providing a School master and
Boarding him Nine weeks in ye west Part of ye Town ye Year
Past four Pounds four Shillings.
By a vote Allowed to Jacob Whipple one of ye School Comtee
accompt to Providing a School master and for Boarding him
in ye South Part of ye Town Two weeks and Two days me
Pound one Shilling and four Pence
Then by a vote Allowed to Daniel Warren Sixteen Shillings to makeing
Rates ye Eight days at 2 per day of ye year Past
By a vote Allowed to Hezekiah Taylor to makeing Rates Eight days
Sixteen Shillings
By a vote Allowed Joseph Pendleton to makeing Rates Eight
Days Sixteen Shillings.
By a vote Allowed to Aaron Kimball to mending of Seats in ye
meeting House ye year Past Two Shillings & Eight pence
By a vote Allowed to Benja Goddard to Serving ye Town as a
Comtee man to Treating with ye Heirs of Sam. Cooper deceasd
Two Shillings.
By a vote Allowed to Charles Bridgham, Ebenr Brooks, Joseph
Merriam Ephm Thurston & Moses Stow Expended three days Attend
of Rachel Lapen in Preventing Her Being a Town Charge to
ye Town of Grafton one pound Three Shillings.

By a vote Allowed to Abner Stow to Preambulatery ye Line betwen ye Town of westborough & grafton, & Grafton & upton in ye yeu 1754. one Shilling and Eight pence

By a vote Allowed to Joseph Meriam ye Same Sum viz. one Shilling and Eight Pence for ye Same Service.

By a vote Allowed & Granted to Cor.t Nat.ll Sherman the Sum of Eight Shillings to Keeping ye Key of ye meeting House, and to Sweeping ye meeting House ye Year 1754.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Have ye School Kept in Six Parts of ye Town ye Year Ensuing. viz. Three Months at ye School House in ye Middle of ye Town; Two months at Mark Batchellers or neer there Abouts. Two months at Amos Derrys or James Herringtons. Two months at Joel Brooks or Aeron Hardys. Six weeks at Capt James Lelands or there abouts. Six weeks at John Shermans, or there abouts.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Chuse a Committee of three men to Provide Places for ye School to be Kept. and to Provide a School master for ye Year Ensuing. and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive accordingly By a vote Chos Mark Batchellor By a vote Chos Capt Tho. Drury. By a vote Chos Phin.s Rice for D Comttee.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Repeair ye meeting House and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Then Put to vote Whether ye Town will Chuse a Comttee of Three men. to Repair ye meeting House according to their best Judgment and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive: accordingly By a vote Chos Mark Batchellor. By a vote Chos Andrew Adams By a vote Chos Phin.s Rice. for D Comttee

Then Proceeded to accept of a List of Jury men Selected out of ye Inhabitants of ye Town of Grafton by ye Select men according to a Law of this Province to Serve at ye Pettit jury ye ensuing year at Several Courts to be Holden at Worcester for and within ye County of Worcester, accordingly ye Town Selected Lieut James Whipple. Capt Samll Warrin, Aaron Hardy & Solomon Stow, out of ye number that ye Select men Selected out of ye Inhabitants to Serve on ye Pettit jury. at ye Superior Courts and ye Remainder viz. Cor.t Natll Sherman, Deac Joseph Meriam, Noah Brooks, Abram Temple. Ephm Sherman, Natll Stedman, Joseph Rice Jacob Whipple Mark Batchellor John Sherman. Natll Cooper & Joel Brooks. to Serve on ye Pettit jury at ye Inferior Courts of Common Pleas.

Put to vote whether ye Town will abate ye Remainder of ye Rates of Archabald Weir not yet Rated in ye Hands of Aeron Hardy (late) Constable and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive

Put to vote whether ye Town will abate ye Rates of Aeron Hombal in ye Hands of Aeron Hardy Late constable, and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive

Turn over to see ye Remainder

Put to vote whether ye Town will Abate ye Rates of Jame: Wair in ye Hands of Dr Hardy & it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive —
Put to vote Whether ye Town will abate ye Rates of Jonathan Marble in ye Hands of Dr Hardy and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive
Put to vote whether ye Town will Abate ye Rates of Jacob whipple that were Assess'd upon him for ye ministers Sallery for ye year 1744. & it Pass'd in ye Negetive.
Put to vote whether ye Town will Abate ye Rates of Joseph whipple that were Assess'd upon him for ye ministers Sallery for ye year 1744. and it Pass'd in ye Negetive.

Ebenezer Sherman Mod'r

To mr Joseph willard Constable for ye Town of Grafton greeting
You are Required in his Majestie Name to warn all ye free-holders and other voteable Inhabitents of ye Northwesterly Part of ye Town Beginning at mr Ebenr Cutlers, and so runing to ye meeting House. & calling by mark Batchellers to meet at ye meeting House on Tuesday octobr ye 7th at Two of ye Clock in ye Afternoon to act on ye following articles.

1: To chuse a moderator
2: To See if ye Town will Grant ye Revd mr Aaron Hutchinsons Sallery for this Present year.
3: To Hear ye Report of ye Comittee that was Chose to Remove ye Treasurey from mr Ebenr Brooks to ye Present Treasurer,
4: To Hear ye Report of ye Comittee that was Chosen to Recon with ye Heirs of Decd Saml Cooper, former Treasurer.
5: To See if ye Town will Grant money to Defray Town charges
6: To See if ye Town will Exempt mr Solomon Prentice from being Rated for his Pole for this Present year.
7: To See if ye Town will allow ye same wages for Labourers at ye High ways September out that was Allowed in ye Summer [illegible] and make Return of your doings to one or more of ye Selt or Before ye Hour of meeting.

Grafton September ye 23. 1745.

Ebenezer Sherman
Joseph Batchellor
Joseph Rice
Hezekiah Taylor
Nathl Stacedman
} Select men for ye Town of Grafton

Pursuant to this warrant I Have notifi'd and warn'd all ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitents ye northwest Part of this Town to meet at time and Place,
Grafton octobr ye 7th. 1745. Joseph willard } Constable

To mr Nathl Cooper Constable for ye Town of Grafton Greeting.
You are Required in His Majestys Name to warn all ye freeholders and and other voteable Inhabitants of ye Southwesterly Part of this Town Beginning at mr Ebenezer Cutlers and so Runing by ye meeting House, and Along by mark Batchellers to meet at ye meeting House. in sd. Grafton

on Tuesday ye 7th of october next at Two of ye Clock afternoon
to Act on ye following Articles

1: To Chuse a mod[r].
2: To see if ye Town will Grant ye Revd mr. Aaron Hutchinson Sallery for ye Present year.
3: to Heer the Report of ye Com[tee] that wer Chosen to Remove ye Treasurey from mr. Eben[r] Brooks to ye Present Treasurer.
4: to Heer ye Report of ye Com[tee] that wer to Recon with ye Heirs of Sam[ll] Cooper Decea[d]. former Treasurer.
5: To see if ye Town will Grant money to Defrey Necessary Charges.
6: To see if ye Town will Exempt mr. Solomon Prentice Being Rated for his Pole this Present year.
7: To see if ye Town will Allow ye same wages for Labourers at ye Highways September out, that wer Allowed in ye Summer Season.

Hereof fail not and make Return of your doings Herein to one or more of us, at or Before ye Hour of meeting.
Grafton September ye 23d. 1755.

Grafton october ye 7th 1755. Eph[m] Sherman, Joseph Rice, Joseph Batchellor, Sam[ll] Steadman, Hezekiah Taylor } Select men for ye Town of Grafton

I Have wrenn'd & Notify'd all according to this Wenrrant to meet at time and Place. Sam[ll] Cooper } Constable.

To Mr. Joseph willard Constable for ye Town of Grafton greeting.
You are Required in His Majesties name to warn all ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of ye northeast every Part of ye Town beginning at mr Eben[r] Cutlers, and so Runing by ye meeting House and along by mark Batchellers to meet at ye meeting House on Tuesday ye october ye 7th at Two of ye Clock in ye Afternoon to act on ye following Artickles

1: To Chuse a mod[r]
2: To Grant ye Revd mr Aaron Hutchinson Sallery for this Present year
3: To Heer ye Report of ye com[tee] that wer Chose to Remove ye Treasurey from mr Eben[r] Brooks to ye Present Treasurer
4 To Heer ye Report of ye Com[tee] that wer Chose to Recon with the Heirs of Dea. Sam[ll] Cooper Decea[d] former Treasurer
5 To see if ye Town will Grant money to Defrey Town Charges.
6. To see if ye Town will Exempt mr Solomon Prentice from being Rated for his Pole for this Present year.
7: To see if ye Town will Allow ye same wages for Labourers at ye High-ways Sept. out. that wer Allowed in ye Summer.
and make Return of your doings to one or more of us at or before ye Hour of meeting. Grafton Sept. ye 23. 1755. Eph[m] Sherman, Joseph Batchellor, Joseph Rice, Hez[h] Taylor, Sam[ll] Steadman } Select men for ye Town of Grafton

Pursuant to this wenrant I Have notified and warn'd all ye freeholders & other voteable Inhabitants of ye northeast Part of ye Town to meet at time and Place. Grafton october ye 7 1755. Sam. willard Const.

Grafton october ye 7th 1765. at a Town meeting of ye free-
Holders and other Voteable Inhabitants of Sd Grafton Legally warn'd
to be Held at ye meeting House in Sd Grafton on Tuesday ye 7th
Day of october 1765 at Three of ye Clock afternoon on Said Day,
Said freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants Being accordingly
met at time and Place. Proceeded as followeth viz.

1: Chose Ephraim Sharman Mod.r

2: Put to vote whether ye Town will accept of ye Report of ye Com.tee
Chosen to Reckon with ye Heirs of Dea.n Sam.ll Coopers Late Town Treas.r
Deceas.d and Likewise that ye Town vote to Deliver ye note or money
that Sd Com.tee Received of Sd Coopers Heirs into ye Hands of ye
Present Town Treasurer there to be Lodged till ye Town call for it
and it Pass.d in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will accept of ye Report of ye
Com.tee Chosen to Remove ye Treasurey from mr Ebenezer Brooks
ye former Treasurer to mr Joseph Rice ye Present Treasurer
which it is as followeth viz. (We the Subscribers
Have met with mr Ebn.r Brooks ye former Treasurer, and he
Hath Delivered up His orders, both what was ordered in, and what
was ordered out, and upon Examining all of them we find now in
ye Treasurer Twenty Five Pounds Sixteen Shillings & Pence.
and three farthings that is not Paid out of ye Treasurey. Thereupon
mr Ebn.r Brooks, former or Late Treasurer Hath Delivered up ye
Towns Papers unto us ye Subscribers and we Have committed them
to ye Care & Conduct of mr. Joseph Rice ye Present Treasurer,
and Thereby we Discharged mr Ebenezer Brooks ye former Treasurer
from ye Town; making any further demands upon Him as
Treasurer: Grafton April ye 14th 1765: Eben.r Allen } Com.tee
at Pass.d in ye Affirmitive. Nath.ll Cooper }

Put to vote whether ye Town will Grant ye Revd mr Aaron Hutchinson
the Sum of Forty Three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight Pence
for his Sallery this Present year and it Pass.d in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Grant ye Sum of Twenty
Pounds to Defray Town Charges this Present year and it Pass.d in
ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Abate ye Rates of mr Solomon
Prentice that were Assess.d upon Him for His Pole this Present year
and it Pass.d in ye Negetive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Allow ye same wages
for Labour at ye Highways till ye Last of September that was
Allowed in ye Summer and it Pass.d in ye Affirmitive.

Ephraim Sharman Town Mod.r

To mr Nat[ll] Cooper Constable for y[e] Town of Grafton greeting
You are Required in His Majestys Name to warn all y[e] Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants of y[e] Southwesterly Part of this Town Beginning at mr Eben[r] Cutlers and Running by y[e] meeting House and along by mr Mark Batchellers to meet at y[e] meeting House in Grafton on Thursday y[e] 5[th] Day of February next at one of y[e] Clock Afternoon to act on y[e] following articles viz:

1: To Chuse a Mod[r]
2: To See if y[e] Town will chuse a com[ttee] to Inquire Heather and Recon with mr. Ebenezer Brooks former Treasurer, he Informs that there is a mistake in y[e] former Reconing and make Report as soon as may Be
3: To See if y[e] Town will Impower s[d] Com[ttee] to Adjust accompts with mr Eben[r] Brooks for what he May Paid of His own money for y[e] Town
4: To accept Town Debts
5: To See What y[e] Town will do about y[e] ministry Rates of Abra[m] Temple in y[e] Hands of mr James Nutting & mr Aaron Hardy (Late) Constables for Grafton.

Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant with your doings Herein to one or more of us at or Before y[e] Hour of meeting. Grafton Jan[ry] y[e] 26. 1746.

Eph[m] Sharman
Joseph Batchellar
Hezekiah Taylor
Nathaniel Steedman
Joseph Rice
} Selectmen for y[e] Town of Grafton

To mr Joseph Willard Constable for y[e] Town of Grafton Greeting, You are Hereby Required in His majestys Name to warn all y[e] freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of y[e] Northeast side of y[e] Town Beginning at mr Ebenezer Cutlers and Running by y[e] meeting House and John Thence to mr Mark Batchellers to meet at y[e] meeting House in Grafton on Thursday y[e] fifth day of Feb[ry] next at one of y[e] Clock afternoon to act on y[e] following articles. viz:

1: To Chuse a mod[r]
2: To See if y[e] Town will chuse a com[ttee] to further Enquire and Recon with mr Eben[r] Brooks former Treasurer, he Informs that there is a mistake in y[e] former Reconing and make Report as soon as may be.
3: To See if y[e] Town will Impower s[d] Com[ttee] to Adjust accompts with mr Eben[r] Brooks for what He Hey Paid of His own money for y[e] Town
4: To accept Town debts.
5: To See what y[e] Town will do about y[e] Rates (ministry) of mr Abra[m] Temple in y[e] Hands of mr. James Nutting, and mr Aaron Hardy (Late) Constables for Grafton. Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings Herein to one or more of us at or Before y[e] Hour of meeting.

Grafton Jan[ry] y[e] 26[th] 1746.

Eph[m] Sharman
Joseph Batchellar
Hez. Taylor
Nath[ll] Steedman
Joseph Rice
} Selectmen for y[e] Town of Grafton

Pursuant to this warrant I Have Notified & warn[d] all y[e] Voteable Inhabitants of y[e] Northeast Part of s[d] Town to meet at time and Place for me Joseph Willard just[s] Const[le]

Grafton February ye 4th 1746 At a Town meeting of ye freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitents of ye Grafton Legally warn'd to be held at ye meeting House in ye Grafton on Thursday ye fifth of this Instant at one of ye Clock afftenoon on ye Day ye freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitents being accordingly met at time and Place Proceeded as followeth viz.

1. By a vote chose Phinehey Price mod.r
2. Put to vote whether ye Town will chuse a comtte to further Enquire and Reckon with mr. Ebenezer Brooks former Town Treasurer and Inquire into a mistake in ye former Reckoning and it pass'd in ye Affirmitive
3. Put to vote Whether ye Town will chuse five for ye Comtte and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive
4. By a vote chose capt Sam.ll Werrin
5. By a vote chose Ner. Taylor
6. By a vote chose Eph.m Sharman
7. By a vote chose Sol. Prentice
8. By a vote chose Eben.r Cutler

For ye Comtte

9. By a vote Reconsidered ye vote of Chusing capt. Sam.ll Werrin to be one of ye Comtte and chose Nath.ll Cooper for one of ye Comtte in ye Room of capt. Sam.ll Werrin.
10. Put to vote whether ye Town will Impower ye comtte to Adjust accompts with mr. Eben.r Brooks for what he Has Paid of his own money for ye Town (as he says) and make Report to ye Town of their doings Herein. as soon as soon as may be with convince for their acceptance and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive

Phinehey Price Mod.r

To mr. Joseph Willard constable for ye Town of Grafton greeting You are Hereby Required in His Majesties Name all ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants Qualified according to Law to vote in Town Affairs to meet at ye meeting House in ye Grafton on monday ye 7th Day of April next at one of ye Clock afftenoon on ye Day at ye meeting House in ye Grafton to act on ye following articles viz.

1. To chuse a mod.r for ye meeting
2. To See if ye Town chuse a Comtte to Remove ye Treasury from mr. Eben.r Brooks Former Treasurer and to Impower ye Comtte to Reckon with, and Discharge ye Treasurer; and Transfer it to ye Present Treasurer and make Return of their doings to ye Town
3. To see ye Town to chuse a Comtte or a man, or men, to join with, and assist capt. Sam.ll Werrin, Ens.n Benj.a Willard & ca Abner How (Late) Assessors for ye Town of Grafton, in Defending a Law Suit Commenced against them by mr. Ebenezer Wadsworth. for Assessing ye D Wadsworth in ye Year 1745. if they See Cause.

4. To See if ye Town will allow mr Isaac Harrington Pay for a Road throu. His Land, Leading from Andrew Adams's to ye meeting House.

5. To See if ye Town will Allow mr Jacob whipple to make up ye time time that was Lost in ye year Past of ye Schooling in ye Part of ye Town where He was Com.tee man at ye Town Cost.

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings Herein, to us Before or at ye Hour of meeting.

Dated Grafton march ye 24th 1755. Hez. Taylor, Joj. Rice, Natl Steedman, Ephm Shuman, Joj. Batchellor } Selectmen for ye Town of Grafton

Pursuant to this warrant I Have Taken care and warnd ye voteable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time and Place.

Grafton April ye 7th 1755 Joseph willard jun.r } Constable

Grafton April ye 7th 1755. at a Town meeting of ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of ye Grafton Legally warnd to be Held at ye meeting House in ye Grafton on monday ye 7th day of April 1755. at one of ye Clock Afternoon on ye day, said freeholders & other voteable Inhabitants being accordingly met at time and Place Proceeded as followeth viz.

1. Chose Ebenr Rice mod.r for ye meeting.

2dly. was Put whether ye Town will Chuse a Com.tee to Remove ye Treasurey from mr Ebenr Brooks former Treasurer, and Transfer ye Treasurey to ye now Present Treasurer and it Pass.d in ye Affirmitive.

accordingly

By a vote chose Ebenr Cutler.
By a vote Chose Capt. Samll Warrin
By a vote Chose Natll Coogen } Com.tee

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Impower ye Com.tee to Reckon with mr Ebenezer Brooks former Treasurer, and to dischargy ye Treasurer, and to make Return of their doings Herein to ye Town and it Pass.d in ye Affirmitive.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Chuse Com.tee to joyn with and Assist Samll. Warrin. Benjn Willard & Abner Flood (Late) Assessors for ye Town of Grafton, in Defending a Law suit Commenced Against them ye said Assessors By mr Ebenr Wadsworth for Assessing ye Ebenr Wadsworth in ye year 1745. and it Pass.d in ye Negetive.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Chuse two men to joyn with & Assist Samll Warrin. Benjn Willard & Abner Flood

N.B. this warrant & ye meeting following Stood Recorded Page 26.

(Late) Assessors in Defending a Law Suit Commenced against them by Eben[r] Wadsworth for Assessing of said Eben[r] Wadsworth in ye year 1761 and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

accordingly By a vote chose Eph[m] Sherman: By a vote chose Phinehas Rice for ye Above D. Service

Put to vote whether ye Town will Allow Isaac Harrington Esq[r] for a Road Laid out through His Land Leading from Andrew Denny's to ye meeting House and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Allow mr Jacob Whipple to make up ye Three feet way Lost in ye year Past in the Schooling in that Part of ye Town whereof He was a Committee men at ye Towns Cost & it Pass'd in ye Negative.

Phinehas Rice Moder[r]

To mr Noll Cooper Constable for ye Town of Grafton Greeting

In His Majestys Name you are Hereby Required to Warn all ye Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants of this Town on ye Southerly Side of ye Road Leading from mr Eben[r] Cutlers to ye meeting House, and from thence to mr Enoch Batchellers. Qualified according to Law to vote in Town Affairs to meet and Assemble at ye meeting House in sd Grafton on monday ye first day of march next Ensuing at Nine of ye Clock forenoon on sd day to act on ye following Articles viz[t]

1: To Chuse a Moderator for sd meeting.

2: To Chuse Town officers of ye Law Directs. ye year Ensuing

3: To see if ye Town will Let ye Swine Run at Large ye year Ensuing.

4: To See How ye Town will order ye School ye year Ensuing. and How they will Provide a School master.

5: To See How ye Town will mend & Repair ye Roads ye year Ensuing

6: To allow Town Debts

7: To accept of a List of Jury men to Serve on ye Petit Jury at ye Several Courts to be Holden at Worcester for ye year Ensuing.

8: To accept of, & Discontinue Highways

9: To See whether ye Town will Allow mr Solomon Prentice Esq[r] for ye Highway ye Town Laid out through His Land Leading from mr Andrew Denny's towards ye meeting House and to See what ye Town will Allow S. Prentice for said Highway

10: To See what ye Town will Allow mr Isaac Harrington for a Road Laid out through His Land Leading from mr Andrew Denny

11: To See what ye Town will Allow John Sherman for a Road Laid out Leading By his House.

12: To hear ye Report of ye Comittee that were to Reason with mr Eben[r] Brooks former Treasurer

13: To See if ye Town will Abate ye Rate of Jacob Whipple and Joseph Whipple that were Assess'd upon them in ye year 1764 for ye ministery Sallery.

14: To See what ye Town will do about ye ministry Rate of mr Abrm Peeple in ye Hands of mr James Nutting. Aaron Hardy & Solomon Stow former Constables.

15: To See if ye Town will Allow mr Aaron Hardy ye money He Hey Paid for ye Town that He hey no Receipt for

16: To See if ye Town will abate ye Rates of Richard Roberds Ezriah Smith & Ebenezer Phillips in ye Hands of mr Benj[a] willard late Constable for ye Town of Grafton or Either of them

17: To Heer ye Petition of meery Whitmore Mery willard and meery Stow

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings Herein Before or at ye Hour of meeting to us.

Grafton Feb[y] ye 13[th] 1766.

Eph[m] Sharmen
Joseph Rice
Hezekiah Taylor
Nathaniel Bradmen
Joseph Batchellor
} Select men for ye Town of Grafton

Grafton march ye 1. 1766.
Pursuant to this warrant I have Warn'd & Notified all on ye Southwesterly Part of this Town to meet at time and Place

Nat[l] Cooper } Constable

To mr Joseph willard Constable for ye Town of Grafton Greeting In his Majesties Name you are Hereby Required to warn all ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of this Town on ye Northerly Side of ye Road Leading from Ebenezer Cutlers, By ye meeting House to mr Micah Batchellers, Qualified according to Law to vote in Town Affairs to meet & Assemble at ye meeting House in Sd Grafton on monday ye first day of march next Enquiry at nine of ye Clock forenoon. on Sd day to act on ye following articles viz.

1: To Chuse a mod[r] for Sd meeting.
2: To Chuse Town officers as ye Law Directs for ye year Enquiry
3: To See whether ye Town will Let ye Swine Run at Large ye year Enquiry
4: To See How ye Town will order ye School ye year Enquiry. they will Provide a School master
5: To See How ye Town will mend and Repair ye Roads ye year Enquiry.
6: To Allow Town Debts.
7 To accept of a List of jury men to Serve on ye petit jury at ye Several Courts To be Holden at Worcester for ye year Enquiry
8: To accept of, and Discontinue Hoyls ways.
9: To See whether ye Town will Allow mr Sol. Prentice Pay

10. To See what ye Town will Allow mr Isaac Harrington for a Road Laid Throu his Land by Leave in Leading from mr Dany's
11. To See what ye Town will allow mr John Sherman for a Road Laid out Leading By His House.
12. To Hear ye Report of ye Comtte that were to Recon with mr Ebenr Dorby former Treasurer.
13. To See if ye Town will Abate ye Rates of Jacob Whipple, & Joseph Whipple that were Assessd in ye Year 1745 for ye Ministry Salleys
14. To See what ye Town will do About ye Ministrys Rates of mr Abram Temple in ye Hands of mr James Whiting. mr Aaron Hardy. & Solomon Stow former Constables.
15. To See if ye Town will Allow mr Aaron Hardy ye money that He Has Paid for ye Town, and Has no Receipt for.
16. To See if ye Town will abate ye Rates of Richard Roberts. Enoch Smith & Ebenr Phillipps in ye Hands of Benjr willard Late Constable of Grafton or Either of them.
17. To Hear ye Petition of Mercy Whitmoore. Mercy willard & Mercy Hood.

Heref fail not. and make Return of this warrant with your doings Hereon Before or at ye Hour of meeting. to ye.
Grafton Feby ye 13th 1745/6

Pursuant to this warrant: I Have Notified, and warn all ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants on ye northeast part of ye Town to meet at time and Place Joseph willards Constable

Ephm Sherman
Natll Steadman
Hez: Taylor
Jos. Rice
Jos. Batchellor
} Select men of Grafton

Grafton march ye 5th 1745/6, at a Town meeting of ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of ye Grafton Legally warn'd to be Held at ye meeting House in ye grafton on monday ye 5th day of march 1745/6 at nine of ye Clock forenoon on ye day ye freehold rs and other voteable Inhabitants Being accordingly met at time and Place Proceeded as followeth. viz:

1: Chose Nathaniel Sherman moderator for ye meeting
2: voted to Chuse five Select men for ye year Ensuing.
3: By a vote Chose Ephm Sherman
4: By a vole Chose capt Tho Drury
5: By a vote Chose Hez: Taylor
6: By a vote Chose Andrew Adams
7: By a vote Chose Natll Steadman
} Select men for ye year Ensuing
8: By a vote Chose Abner Stow Town clerk for ye year Ensuing
9: By a vote Chose Joseph Rice Town Treasurer for ye Year Ensuing
10 Then By a vote Adjourn'd this meeting for one Hour to ye meeting House in ye Grafton. Natll Sherman Modr:

Grafton march ye 5th 1745/6 ye ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of ye Grafton Being accordingly met

By Adjournment at time and Place Proceeded as followeth viz
Voted to Chuse two Constables for ye yeer Ensuing.
By a vote Chose Joseph Batchelder Constable for ye yeer Ensuing.
By a vote Chose Benjamin Winchester Constable for ye yeer Ensuing
Voted to Chuse three Assessors for ye yeer Ensuing.
By a vote Chose Capt. Samll Warrin
By a vote Chose John Goulden
By a vote Chose Charles Bridgham Esqr
} Assessors for ye yeer Ensuing
Voted to Chuse five Surveyors of High ways for ye yeer Ensuing
By a vote chose Jonathan Hall
By a vote Chose Jacob Whipple
By a vote Chose Noah Brooks
By a vote Chose Aaron Bridgham
By a vote chose Joseph Pevey
} Surveyors of Highways for ye yeer Ensuing.
Put to vote whether ye Town will accept of Joshua Winchester Constable for ye Town of Grafton ye yeer Ensuing in ye Room of Benja Winchester and it Pass in ye Affirmitive
Voted to Chuse Four Sythiny men for ye yeer Ensuing.
By a vote Chose Abram Brown
By a vote Chose Silas Warrin
} Sythiny men for ye yeer Ensuing
Voted to Have five Hogreifs for ye yeer Ensuing.
By a vote chose Hez Ward
By a vote Chose Amos Dewis
By a vote Chose John Stow.
By a vote Chose Abner Stow
By a Vote Chose Natl Sharman
} Hogreifs for ye yeer Ensuing
By a Vote Chose Solomon Stow
By a vote Chose Jacob Stevens
By a vote Chose Benja Goddard
} Deer Reifs for ye yeer Ensuing
By a vote Chose Simon Brooks
} five wards for ye yeer Ensuing
Then Put to vote whether ye Town will dismiss Joseph Batchellor from serving Constable and accept of Daniel Hazeltine Constable in ye Room of Joseph Batchellor for ye yeer Ensuing and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.
By a vote Chose Benja Willard Sealer of Leather
Voted to Have Two Haywards or Field Viewers for ye yeer Ensuing
By a vote chose Aaron Kimball
By a vote Chose Joseph Merriam
} Haywards or Field Viewers for ye yeer Ensuing.
By a vote Chose Silas Warrin
By a vote Chose Andrew Adams
} Fence viewers for ye yeer Ensuing
Put to Vote Whether ye Town will Let ye Swine Ringal Lawge ye yeer Ensuing and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.
Then By a vote Adjourn'd their meeting to monday ye 15th of this Instant at Twelve of ye Clock noon at D day at ye meeting House in D Grafton Nathaniel Sharman Mod

Grafton March ye 14th 1760 at a Town meeting of ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of ye Grafton by Adjournment from ye 1st day of march to ye 14th Day of march Currant at 2 of ye Clock noon on ye day at ye meeting House in ye Grafton ye freeholders & other voteable Inhabitants being accordingly met by Adjournment at time and Place Proceeds as followeth viz:

Put to vote whether ye Town will Have a moving School ye yeer Ensuing and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Have ye School Kept in five Parts of ye Town ye yeer Ensuing and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive

Put to vote whether ye Town will chuse a comtee to order ye school viz: to Proportion ye Districts where ye School shall be Kept ye yeer Ensuing and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Chuse a comtee of five men for ye comtee and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

By a vote chos Joseph Merriam
By a vote chos Jacob Whipple
By a vote chos Eben[r] Cutler
By a vote chos Hezekiah Taylor
By a vote chos John Sherman

for ye comtee

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will grant ye sum of Thirty Pounds to be Appropriated to Keep ye Highways in ye Town of Grafton in Repair ye yeer Ensuing and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Have ye Highways mended and Kept in Repair ye yeer Ensuing in ye same way and manner that they were mended and Kept in Repair ye yeer Past: and also ye same time Limitted to work at ye Highways Except upon Specialties and ye same price to be Allowed per day for a man & Team in Labouring at Highways

Then By a vote Allowed to Benj[a] Willard to Providing ~~for~~ a week's Provisions for ye Town ~~for~~ 0=10=6

By a vote Allowed to Joel Parsons to Boarding ye Town Schoolmaster Eight weeks at 2=4 per week 1=1=4

By a vote Allowed to John Sherman to Boarding ye Town Schoolmaster at 2-4 per week. 0=4=0

By a vote Allowed to James Leland jun[r] to Boarding ye Town Schoolmaster Six weeks at 2=4 per week 0=16=0

By a vote Allowed to ye Rev[d] mr Aaron Hutchinson to Boarding ye Town Schoolmaster 20 weeks at 2-4 per week 2=13=4

By a vote Allowed to Hez[r] Taylor to Providing a new Town Blank Book 0=11=4

By a vote Allowed to Solomon How to Boarding ye Town Schoolmaster Six weeks at 2=4 per week 0=16=0

By a vote Allowed to Tho. Drury & Mark Batchellor to Providing a School meister Three weeks at 6-d per week —— £-1-0-0

By a vote Allowed to Mark Batchellor Tho. Drury & and Phin. Rice off Ds Comtee to Providing a School meister 10 months at — £ s d Shillings Six and Eight per week —— 13-6-8

By a vote Allowed to Stephen Prentice to keeping School Two weeks and Boarding Himself. —— 0-18-8

By a vote Allowed to Mark Batchellor to Repairing off meeting House 3 days at 2-8 per day and to white Pine Boards. 0-9-0

By a vote Allowed to Phinehas Rice to 3 days to Repairing off meeting House at 2. Per day —— 0-6-0

By a vote Allowed to Andrew Adams to Nails to Repair off meeting House and to 3 days work —— 0-17-0

By a vote allowed to Eph.m Sharman to time and money Expended In Defending a Law Suit Brought against off Town By Eben.r Wadsworth —— £-2-2

By a vote Allowed to Phin.a Rice to time and money Expended in defending a Law suit Brought against off Town by Eben.r Wadsworth —— 2-2-0

By a vote Allowed Capt. Sam.ll Warren to time and money Expended in defending a Law suit Brought against off Town by Eben.r Wadsworth —— 0-7-4

By a vote Allowed to Benj.a Willard to money Expended in Defending a Law suit Brought against off Town by Mr. Eben.r Wadsworth —— 0-2-11-1-0

Then Proceed to accept of a List of jury men, & selected out of ye Inhabitents of off Town to serve on off Pettit jury at off Several Courts to Holden at Worcester off year Ensuing, viz.t Capt Tho. Drury Capt Nat.ll Sharman Lieu.t James Whipple Dea. Jo. Meriam Mark Batchellor Joseph Batchellor Eph.m Sharman. John Sharman. Mark Brooks Jos. Rice. Joel Brooks. Will.m Cowper Benj.a Winchester: Joseph Perry Silas Warren. Nat.ll Peck. John Golden. Abner Howe Aaron Brigham: Abr.m Brown: Aaron Taft. Phin.a Leland. Eben.r Wheeler Nat.ll Steadmen.

By a vote off Town selected out Nat.ll Sharman, Capt. Thomas Drury Mark Batchellor. Nat.ll Steadmen. Phinehas Leland & Jos. Batchellor to serve on off Pettit jury, at off Superiour Court, and off Remainder to serve at off Inferiour Courts.

Then Proceeded to Accept of and discontinue High ways.

By a vote off Town did discontinue off Town way formerly Laid out and accepted by off Town Leading from off north east Corner of Robert Tylers Land to off Land of Joseph Whipple near where off dwelling House of Benj.a Pratt was when ye Road was Laid out.

Then By a vote Adjourned their meeting to Tuesday off 30th day of this Instant at nine of ye Clock forenoon on Said day at meeting House in Dudleyston

Nat.ll Sharman Town Clerk

Grafton March ye 5th 1746 at a Town meeting of ye Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of this Town By Adjournment from March ye 15th 1746 to ye 16th of this Instant March at Nine of ye Clock forenoon on ye Day at ye Meeting House in ye Grafton Said Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants Being accordingly met at ye time and Place Proceeded as follows viz.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Allow Mr Solomon Prentice Pay for a Road Laid out through ye Prentice's Land Leading from Andrew Adams's to ye meeting House, and it Pass'd in ye Negative.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Reconsider ye Last Negative Vote, and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote Whether ye Town will Allow Isaac Harrington ye Sum of [illegible] one Pound Twelve Shillings for a Road Laid out [illegible] Leading from Andrew Adams's to ye meeting House and it Pass'd in ye Negitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Abate ye minister Rates of Abram Temple in ye Hands of Solomon Stow (Late) Constable that were Assess'd upon him for ye ministers Sallery for ye year 1740. upon ye Constable Procuring a Certificate, and Lodging ye Certificate with ye Town Treasurer that ye Temple Has Paid His ministers Rate to Mr Rogers Pierce, ye then Chh. minister at Hopkinton or His Chh. Wardens for ye year above'd. and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will abate ye ministers Rates of Abram Temple in ye Hands of Aaron Hardy (Late) constable for ye Town of Grafton. that were Assess'd upon Him for ye ministers Sallery in ye year 1742. & it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive

Put to vote whether ye Town will Abate ye Rates of Abraham Temple in ye Hands of James Whiting Late Constable for ye Town of Grafton that were Assess'd upon him for ye ministers Sallery in ye year 1741. & it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Remit or abate ye ministers Rates of Jacob Whipple & Joseph whipple that were Assess'd upon them in ye year 1741. and it Pass'd In ye Affirmitive.

Then By a vote Allowed to Robt Sharman ye Sum Hereafter mentioned viz. To Pasturing a Cow for ye wife of Ichabod Drury 4 months by order of ye Select men. £0 — 10 — 8

To Keeping ye Key of ye meeting House, & sweeping ye meeting House in ye year 1745 0 — 6 — 0

and To mending ye meeting House Glass 0 — 0 — 7.

By a vote ye Town did allow and Grant to Aaron Hardy ye Sum of 2 — 4 — 0

it being on account of a Receipt Lost by ye Hardy Says.

Put to vote whether ye Town will Grant ye Petition of Mercy Willard Mercy Stone & Mercy White Moore viz. whether ye Town will Grant them Liberty to Build a pew in ye Meeting House in ye Long Gallery for ye women Side for ye Inhabitants of ye Town of Grafton to ye Number of 12. or 13. and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive

Put to vote whether ye Town will Abate ye Rates Richard Roberts Ezekiel Smith and Ebenr Phillips in ye Hands of Benjamin Willard (Late) & it Pass'd in ye Negative.

Put to vote whether ye Town will allow Mr Jos. Prentice Pay for a Road Laid out through ye Prentice Land by ye Town & it pass'd in ye Affirmitive. Put to vote whether ye Town will allow Mr Jos Prentice ye Sum of Four Pounds for ye Land taken from him for a Highway & damage & it Pass'd in ye negative. Put to vote whether ye Town will allow ye Sum of Three Pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence and it Pass'd in ye Negative

To Mr Joshua Witcheston Constable for ye Town of Grafton
Greeting. in His Majesties Name you are Required to warn all ye
Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants of this Town on ye
Southwardly Side of ye Road Leading from Mr Ebenr Cutlers
to ye meeting House & from thence to Mr Merck Batchellers
Qualified According to Law to vote in Town Affairs to meet &
assemble at ye meeting House in sd Grafton on monday ye 14th Day of
this Instant march at ten of ye Clock forenoon to act on ye
following articles viz:

1: To Chuse a moderator for sd meeting
2: To see if ye Town will Chuse a Committee to Assist Mr
Joseph Rice ye now Present Treasurer in calling in ye
Arrearages that are in ye Constables Hands, or Else where
Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your
Doings Herein Before or at ye Hour of meeting to ay.

Grafton march ye 3. 1746. Tho Drury
Eph Sharman
Hez Drayton
Nath Sharman
Andrew Adany
Select men for ye Town of Grafton

Grafton march ye 14th 1746
Pursuant to this warrant I have warned all ye freeholders and other Inhabitants of sd Grafton on ye Southerly side of ye Road to meet at time and place within mentioned
Joseph Batchellor Constable

To Mr Josiah Hazeltine Constable for ye Town of Grafton Greeting.
In His Majesties Name you are Hereby Required to warn all
ye Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants of this Town on
ye Northerly Side of ye Road Leading from Mr Ebenr Cutlers to
ye meeting House to Mr Merck Batchellers Qualified according
to Law to vote in Town Affairs to meet & assemble at ye
meeting House in sd Grafton on monday ye 14th day of this
Instant march at Ten of ye Clock forenoon to act on ye
following Articles viz

1: To Chuse a moderator for sd meeting
2: To see if ye Town will Chuse a Committee to Assist Mr
Joseph Rice ye now Present Treasurer in calling in ye Arrearages
that are in ye Constables Hands, or Else where.
Hereof fail not and make Return of your warrant with your doings
Herein Before or at ye Hour of meeting to us.

Grafton march ye 3d 1746.
Grafton march ye 13th 1746. I have Warned the Select men of ye Town of Grafton Herein mentioned, agreeable to this warrant I have Warned or Notified all ye Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants on ye Northerly Part of ye Town as is Set forth in sd warrant to meet at time & Place
Thos Drury
Eph Sharman
Hez Drayton
Nath Sharman
Andrew Adany
Select men for ye Town of Grafton

Josiah Hazeltine Constable

Grafton march ye 14th 1746 at a Town meeting of ye Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants of sd Grafton Legally warned to be held at ye meeting House in sd Grafton on monday ye 14th day of march Instant at Ten of ye Clock forenoon on sd Day sd Freeholders & other Voteable Inhabitants being accordingly met Set time and Place Provided as followeth viz:

1: By a vote Chose Joseph Batchellor moderator for sd meeting
2: Put to vote whether ye Town will Chuse a Committee to Assist Mr Joseph Rice ye now Present Treasurer in calling in ye Arrearages that are in ye Constables Hands or Elsewhere & it Passed in ye Affirmative
3: Put to vote whether ye Town will Chuse three for sd Committee
4: By a vote Chose John Sharman
5: By a vote Chose Ebenr Cutler
6: By a vote Chose Ephm Sharman
for sd Committee

Joseph Batchellor moderr

To mr Pearl Hazeltine Constable for ye Town of Grafton greeting
You are Hereby Required in His Majestys Name to warn ye
freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of this Town Qualified
according to Law to vote in Town Affairs to meet at ye meeting
House in Grafton on monday ye 17th day of this Instant may
at two of ye Clock in ye afternoon to act on ye following
articles viz.

1: To Chuse a moderator for ye meeting.
2: To See if ye Town will Chuse a Comtte. to joyn with
Shrewsbury, to Precumbulet ye Bounds Between ye Town
of Shrewsbury and ye Town of Grafton & make Bounds if need be.
3: To See if ye Town will Hear ye Petition of Jonathan
Cutler, Joseph Fletcher. Moses Cutler. Josiah Goddard. Eleazer
Flagg. David Stow. & James Whipple ye third.
4: To See if ye Town will Hear ye Petition of Mary Flagg.
Abigail Baker. Priscilla Baker. Elisebeth Cutler. &
Heve of fail not, and meeke Return of your doings to one
or more of ye at or Before ye Hour of meeting.
Grafton may ye 3d 1746.

Nath[ll] Sleadman } Selectmen
Eph[m] Sherman } for ye
Herz. Taylor } Town of
Andrew Adams } Grafton

Worcester ss. Grafton may ye 17th 1746
By vertue of this warrent to me
Directed, I Have Notified and warned
all ye freeholders and other voteable
Inhabitants in ye Town of Grafton
to Assemble and meet together at time and for ye Purposes
mentioned in ye warrant.

Pearl Hazeltine } Constable

Grafton may ye 17th 1746. at a Town meeting of ye freeholders
and other voteable Inhabitants of ye Grafton Legally warned to
to Be Held at ye meeting House in ye Grafton on monday ye
17th day of may 1746 at two of ye clock afternoon soon
on ye day ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants Being
accordingly met at time & Place Proceeded as followeth viz.
1: Chose Coll Nath[ll] Sherman moderator for ye meeting.
2: Put to vote Whether ye Town will chuse a comtte to joyn
with Shrewsbury to Precumbulate Bounds Between ye Town
of Shrewsbury and ye Town of Grafton, and make bounds
if need be. it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.
Then 3. Put to vote Put to vote Whether ye Town will chuse
Three for ye Comtte and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.
4: By a vote chose Eph[m] Sherman.
5: By a vote chose Herzekiah Taylor } for ye Comtte
6: By a vote chose Andrew Adams. }
7: Then Proceed to Hear ye Petition of Jonathan Cutler Junior
Priscilla Baker, Eph[m] Sherman jun[r] and others, they Praying Liberty to
Build a Pew in ye Hind seat in ye front Gallery on ye men's side
and also to Keep and also to Keep ye glass Belonging to ye seat in
Repair, with this Proviso that ye Selectmen in ye meeting House
where said Pew is to be Built be not Cut or weakened.
and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Grant ye petition of Elisabeth Cutler Thankful Sherman, Abigail Cutler, Lydia Sherman, and Mary Bowlsham & others. to Build a pew in ye front Gallery in ye Hind seat on ye women side on ye same Condition as ye above vote or Grant. Excepting not obliging them to Keep ye Glass in Repair and it Pass'd in ye Affirmative.

Nathaniel Sherman, moder.

To Mr Joshua Winchester Constable for ye Town of Grafton Greeting. In His Majestys name you are Hereby Required to warn all ye Inhabitants of this Town, Qualified according to Law to Vote in Town Affairs, to meet at ye Assemble at ye meting House in ye Grafton on monday ye 13th Day of September Instant at one of ye Clock afternon to act on ye following articles viz.

1: To Chuse a moderator for ye meeting
2: To see if ye Town will Grant ye Revd. mr Aaron Hutchinson His Sallery for ye yeer Ensuing.
3: To See if ye Town will Give any further Instruction to mr Eph.m Sherman & mr Thos Rice in Assisting ye Assessors in Defending a Law Suit Brought against them By mr Eben.r Wadsworth, and How they will Proceed.
4: To See if ye Town will finish building a Bridge over ye River Below Capt Drurys mill. and How they will do it.
5: To See if ye Town will abate ye Rates of Jonathan Bagsworth, Richard Roberts Moses Whitmore & Micah Morse in ye Hands of Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable for ye Town of Grafton or Either of them.
6: To See if ye Town will abate ye Town Rates of Benja. Gross or any Part of them in ye Hands of Nathaniel Cooper Late Constable for ye Town of Grafton.
7 To See if ye Town will abate ye Rates of mr Josiah Lyon for one Head that were Assess.d upon him in ye Hands of mr Nathl Cooper (Late Constable for ye Town of Grafton.

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings Herein Before or at ye Hour of meting to ye.

Grafton Sept.r ye 3d. 1746. Tho. Drury
Andrew Adams
Oliver Steadmen
Hez.i Crafton
Select men for ye Town of Grafton

Pursuant to this warrant I have warned ye Freeholders and all other Voteable Inhabitants of ye Grafton to meet at time and Place as it set forth in ye warrant Grafton September ye 13th. 1746.

Joshua Winchester Constable

Grafton September ye 23: 1746 at a Town meeting of ye Freeholders and other Votable Inhabitants of D Grafton Legally warn'd to be Held at ye meeting House in D Grafton on Monday ye 15th Day of this Instant at one of ye Clock afternoon on D day Said Freeholders and other votable Inhabitants Being accordingly mett at time & Place Proceeded as followeth viz.

1: Chose Phinehas Rice mod.r for D meeting.

2: Put to vote whether ye Town will finish Building ye Bridge over ye River Below capt Drurys mill & it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

3: Put to vote whether ye Town will direct ye Surveyors of High Ways for this Present year Hereafter named viz.: Joseph Pekrey, Enoch Brooks & Aaron Brigham to Call upon and Imploy Imploy those men that are in their Highway Lists that are delinquent, or that Have not Work'd out their High way Rates this Present year, to Labour in Building & finish- ing D Bridge & it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

4: Voted See if ye Town will Grant ye Revd. mr Aaron Hutchinson the Sum of Sixty Pounds for his Sallery for this Present (or Enquiring) year & it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

5: Put to vote whether ye Town will Give any further Instruction or Assistance to mr Eph.m Sharman & mr Phinehas Rice in assist- ing ye Assessor in Defending a Law-Suit Brought against them by mr Ebenezer Wadsworth and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive accordingly By a vote Chose Eben.r Cutler: By a vote Chose Hez.h Taylor: By a vote chose Nathaniel Sharman to assist ye D Assessors in Defending D Law Suit.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will abate, or Remitt ye Rates of Richard Roberts in ye Hands of mr Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable for ye Town of Grafton and it pass'd in ye Negetive.

Then Put to vote Whether ye Town will abate or Remitt ye Rates of Jonathan Bagworth in ye Hands of mr Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable for ye Town of Grafton & it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will abate or Remitt ye Rates of Mary Whitmoore in ye Hands of mr Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable for ye Town of Grafton and it Pass'd in ye Negitive.

Then Put to vote Whether ye Town will abate or Remitt ye Rate of Uriah Hory in ye Hands of mr Aaron Hardy (Late) Constable for ye Town of Grafton and it Pass'd in ye Negetive.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will abeate or Remitt ye Rates of Benjamin Graves that were assess'd upon Him for one pole ye D Rates being in ye Hands of mr Nat.ll Cooper (Late) Constable for ye Town of Grafton, and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will abeate, or Remitt ye Rates of Josiah Lyon that were assess'd upon Him for one pole ye D Rates being in ye Hands of mr Nat.ll Cooper (Late) Constable for ye Town of Grafton. and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive.

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Instruct Eph.m Sharman Phin.s Rice Eben.r Cutler Hez.h Taylor and Nat.ll Sharman to agree with D. Eleanor Wadsworth Relating to D Law Suit and Leave ye whole Affair with them whether to agree with said Wadsworth. or Prosecute said Affair in defending D Law Suit Brought against D Assessors By D Wadsworth and it Pass'd in ye Affirmitive

Phinehas Rice mod.r

To mr Paul Hazeltine Constable for ye Town of Grafton Greeting. You are Required in His Majesties Name to warn all ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at ye meeting House in Grafton on Tuesday ye Eighteenth day of this Instant January at one of ye Clock in ye afternoon to act on ye following Articles

1: To Chuse a mod^r for D meeting
2: To See if ye Town will Grant money to Defray Town Chearges that are; or may arise
3: To See if ye Town will Hear ye Report of ye Com^ttee that were to agree with mr Ebenr Wadsworth in a Law Suit which he Brought against Capt Saml Warrin Abner Stow and Benjamin Willard (Late) Assessors for ye Town of grafton
4: To See if ye Town will abate ye Rates of John vicery, & William vicery in ye Hands of mr James whipple (Late) Constable.

Hereof fail not and make Return of your doings to one, or more of us, at or Before ye Hour of meeting.

Grafton January ye 3 1747. Tho. Drury Eph^m Sheurman Hez^h Taylor Nath^ll Rudman Andrew Adams } Select men for ye Town of Grafton

Pursuant to this warrant I Have Warn^d and Notified all ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time & Place. Paul Hazeltine Constable

Grafton January ye 18th 1747. at a Town meeting of ye freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of D Grafton Legally Warn^d to be Held at ye meeting House in D Grafton on Tuesday ye 18th of January 1747. at one of ye Clock afternoon on D Day Said freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants Being accordingly met at time and Place Proceeded as followeth

1: Chose Capt Thomas Drury Moderator for D meeting.
2 Put to vote whether ye Town will accept of ye Report of ye Com^ttee that Was Chosen by ye Town of Grafton to agree with mr Ebenezer Wadsworth and it Pass^d in ye Affirmative
3: Put to vote whether ye Town will Grant money to Defray Town Charges agreeable to ye 2d Article in D ye warrant for this meeting and it Pass^d in ye Negative.

Thomas Drury Moder^r

We the Subscribers being a com^ttee Chosen by ye Town of Grafton To Assist Capt Saml Warrin, Abner Stow & Benjamin willard former Assessors for ye Town of Grafton in defending a Law Suit Commenced against the Said Assessors By mr Ebenezer Wadsworth We Have agreed that ye Town of Grafton give Him ye Said Wadsworth Four Pounds Ten Shillings & Eight pence. and that ye Rates that are in ye Hands of ye Constables that are Assess'd on D Wadsworth be abated.

Grafton January ye 16th 1747. Com^tt Nathaniel Sheurman Eben^r Cutler Hezekiah Taylor } com^ttee

Grafton January ye 18th 1747 this Report of ye Com^ttee Chosen By ye Town of Grafton Read and accepted By D Town Thomas Drury Moder^r

To Mr Joshua Winchester Constable for ye Town of Grafton Greeting in His Majesties Name you are Hereby Required to Warn all ye Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of this Town Qualified according to Law to vote in Town affairs to meet & Assemble at ye meeting House in Sd Grafton on Monday ye Seventh day of march next Ensuing at nine of ye Clock forenoon on Sd day to act on ye following articles viz.

1: To Chuse a modrator for Sd meeting.
2: To Chuse Town officers as ye Law directs for ye year Ensuing.
3: To See if ye Town will Let ye Shire Run at Large ye year Ensuing.
4: To See How ye Town will order ye School ye year Ensuing, and How they will Provide a School meyter
5: To See How ye Town will mend ye Roads & ways ye year Ensuing.
6: To Allow Town Debts:
7: To accept of a List of jury men to Serve on ye Pettit jury at ye Several Courts to Be Holden at Worcester. ye year Ensuing.
8: To Discontinue ways and Roads
9: To See if ye Town will abate ye Rates of Ezrick Smith & Richard Roberts. & Ebenezer Phillips & Benjamin Grover or Either of them. in ye Hands of Benjamin Willard Late Constable
10: To See if ye Town will Hear ye Report of ye now Present Surveyor.
11: To See if ye Town will abate ye Rates of Moll Whitmore in ye Hands of mr Aaron Hardy Late Constable.

Hereof fail not, and make Return of this warrant with your doings Hereon before or at ye Hour of meeting to ye:

Grafton February ye 14th 1744.

Tho. Drury, Hez. Taylor, Will Headman, Andrew Adams } Select men for ye Town of Grafton

grafton march ye 7th 1744. Pursuant to this Warrant I Have Warn'd all ye Freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitants of Sd Grafton To meet at time & Place ye in Sd set forth in Sd warrant. Joshua Winchester } Constable.

Grafton march ye 7th 1744. At a Town meeting of ye Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants of Sd Grafton Legally Warn'd to be Held at ye meeting House in Sd Grafton on monday ye 7th Day of march 1744. at Nine of ye Clock forenoon on Sd Day. Said Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants being accordingly met at time & Place Proceeded as followeth viz:

1: Chose Will Sharman Modr for Said meeting.
2: Voted to Chuse five Select men for ye year Ensuing.
3: By a vote Chose Ephraim Sharman
4: By a vote Chose Hezekiah Taylor
5: By a vote Chose Joseph Rice
6: By a vote Chose John Sharman
7 By a vote Chose Benjn Goddard } Select men for ye year Ensuing

8: By a vote Adjourned their meeting for one Hour to ye meeting House in D Grafton. Nathaniel Sherman } Mod.

Then said Freeholders and other voteable Inhabitants being accordingly met By Adjournment at time and Place Proceeded as followeth viz.

9: By a vote chose Joseph Rice } Town Treasurer for ye ensuing year

10: By a vote chose Timothy Darling Town } Clerk for ye year Ensuing

11: By a vote chose Joel Brooks } Constable for ye north side of Town } for ye year Ensuing.

12: By a vote chose James Leland junr. Constable for ye South side of ye Town for ye year Ensuing.

13: Voted to Chuse Three Assessors for ye year Ensuing.

14: By a vote chose Natl Steadman
14: By a vote chose Joseph Merium
16: By a vote chose Hezekiah Taylor } Assessors for ye year Ensuing

Then Voted to Chuse Seven Surveyors of Highways for ye year Ensuing.

By a vote chose Deac Joseph Marion.
By a vote chose Ebenr Wheeler.
By a vote chose Phinchey Leland.
By a vote chose Isaac Hemington.
By a vote chose Natl Cooper.
By a vote chose Moses Whipple.
By a Vote chose Ezekiel Bowsham } Servesjors of High ways for ye year Ensuing.

Then voted to Chuse five Hogreifs for ye year Ensuing.

By a Vote chose Thomey Drury junr.
By a vote chose Jacob Stevens.
By a vote chose Peter Brooks.
By a vote chose Elisha Bowsham
By a vote chose Aaron Hall. } Hog reifs for ye year Ensuing.

By a vote chose Eleazer Clogg.
By a vote chose Nathaniel Steadmen } Fence viewers for ye year Ensuing.

Then voted to Chuse two Tything men for ye year ensuing.

By a vote chose Benjamin Willard.
By a vote chose Charles Bruce. } Tything men for ye year Ensuing.

By a vote chose Phinchey Leland } Deer Reifs
By a vote chose Joseph Arnold }

By a vote chose Aaron Bowsham } Fire Wards.
By a vote chose Jacob Stevens }

By a vote chose Solomon Stone } Hay wards or field Drivers
By a vote chose Andrew Beeny }

By a vote chose Benja Willard } Sealer of Leather

Then Put to vote whether ye Town will Let ye Swine Run at Large ye year Ensuing and it Pass'd in ye Negative.

Then voted to Have ye School Kept in five Parts of ye Town ye year Ensuing.

Then voted to Chuse a com. of fivemen to order ye Districts where ye School Shall be Kept where it will most accomodate ye Town; accordingly By a vote chose Benja Winchester: By a vote chose David Hubbard. By a vote chose Phinh Leland. By a vote chose Joseph Rice. By a vote chose Ezekiel Bowsham for ye Comttee Turn over to ye Adjournment

Then By a vote Adjourn'd their Meeting to Wednesday the 9th Day of March Current at Twelve of ye Clock noon on Said Day at ye meeting House in Said Grafton

Nathaniel Sherman3 mod.

Grafton March ye 9th 1754 at a Town meeting of ye freeholders and other Notable Inhabitants of ye Grafton By Adjournment from march ye 4th 1754 to march ye 9th 1754 at twelve of ye Clock Noon on ye Day at the Meeting House in ye Grafton ye freeholders and other Notable persons Being Accordingly meet at time and place proceed as followeth. viz

Voted To Leave the Affair of ye School with the Committee Already Chosen to order ye Districts for ye School to be kept the year Ensuing viz to provide a School master for ye year Ensuing

Grafton March ye 9th 1754 the oaths of all the above ye Town officers was Administered to them by Aaron Bigelow Esqr

Voted that ye High ways in the Town of Grafton be mended and kept in Repair ye year Ensuing Agreeable to ye Ordinance Law

Then proceeded to Accept Town Debt

By a vote Allowed to Silas Warrin to Bourding ye Town School master five weeks at 2/ per week — £0-13-4

By a vote Allowed to Jacob Stevens to Bourding ye Town School master five weeks at 2/ per week — £0-13-4

By a vote Allowed to Jacob Whipple to Bourding ye Town School master five weeks at 2/ per week — £0-13

By a vote allowed to Eph[r] Sharmon to Bourding ye Town School master five weeks — £0-13

By a vote Allowed to John Goulden to making Rats four days at Two Shilling pr Day — £0-8

By a vote Allowed to Barnet Wait to Keeping ye Town School ye year 1756 and to Bourding himself Eleven weeks at 2 Shilling per week — £13-6

By a vote Allowed to Stephen Prentice To Keeping ye Town School on ye west side of ye Town Ten weeks and Bourding himself — £4-0

By a vote allowed to Nathaniel Sharmen To Keeping ye Key of ye meeting House and Sweeping ye meeting House ye year 1756 — £0-8

By a vote Allowed to Eph[r] Sharmon and mark Batchelor to perambulating ye Town Line Between Uxbridge and Grafton in ye year 1756 — £0-2

By a vote allowed to Capt Samuell Warrin to Making Rats nine Days and half at 2/ per day — £0-19

By a vote Allowed to Esq[r] Charles Brigham to making Rats nine days and half 2/ per day — £0-19

Then put to vote whether ye Town will Reconsider their former vote of March ye 4th 1754 in Chusing Ezekiel Brigham Surveyor of Highways and Dismiss him and it Passed in the Affirmative

Then By a vote Chose Aaron (A6) Hardy Servayor of Highways for y^e^ year Ensuing

Put to vote whether y^e^ Town will Let the Swine Run at Large y^e^ year Ensuing Not withstanding what was acted upon y^e^ 2^d^ Article in the warrant y^e^ 9^th^ Day of march instant and it Passed in the Affirmitive

Then put to vote whether y^e^ Town will abate y^e^ Rates of work. Whitmore in y^e^ hands of Aaron Hardy Late Constable and it Passed in y^e^ Affirmitive

Then put to vote whether the Town will abate y^e^ Rates of Ezrial Smith in y^e^ Hands of Ens^n^ Willard Late Constable and it Passed in y^e^ Negative

Then put to vote whether y^e^ Town will Abate y^e^ Rates of Eb^r^ Dwilley in y^e^ hand of Ens^n^ Willard Late Constable and it Passed in the Negative

Then put to vote Whether y^e^ Town will abate y^e^ Rates of Ens^n^ Gyrrer in the Hands of D^o^ Willard and it Passed in y^e^ Negative

Then proceeded to Hear a list of y^e^ names of y^e^ Persons Selected out of y^e^ Inhabitants of y^e^ Town of Grafton By the Select men Agreable to a Law of this province to Serve on y^e^ petit jury at y^e^ Several Courts at worcester y^e^ year Ensuing viz

Left^t^ James Whipple Ephraim Sherman Ebenezer Fisk Ebenezer Wheler Nathaniel Steadman Hezekiah Taylor Andrew Adams Eleazor Flagg Joseph Perrey Aaron Capt Abner Stow James Leland Junr Jonathan Leland Jacob Stevens Nathaniell Cooper Joseph Willard Junr Mark Batchelder Aaron Brigham Silas Warrin Benjamin Willard and Excepted of y^e^ above named Persons Not Serving men for y^e^ year Ensuing

Then By a vote allowed To Thomas Axtill to Boarding y^e^ Towns School master nine weeks at 2/8 per week — £1-4-0

Then put to vote again whether y^e^ Town will abate y^e^ Rates of Ezrial Smith in y^e^ hand of Benjamin Willard Late Constable and it Passed in the Affirmitive

Then By a vote Adjourned their meeting to Friday y^e^ 18^th^ Day of Instant March at two of y^e^ Clock afternoon on D^o^ Day at y^e^ meeting House in D^o^ Grafton

Nathaniel Sherman Moder^r^

Grafton march y^e^ 18^th^ 1754

at a Town meeting of y^e^ Freeholders and other Notable Persons of D^o^ Grafton By Adjournment from march y^e^ 9^th^ 1754 to y^e^ 18^th^ Day of march Instant at two of y^e^ Clock afternoon on D^o^ Day at y^e^ meeting House in Grafton D^o^ Freeholders and other Notable Inhabitants Being Accordingly met at time and Place Proceed as followeth viz

Then put to vote whether ye Town will Discontinue the Road or High way that was Laid out through Solomon Stows Land By D Stows House To Benjamin Goddards Land and it passed in the Affirmitive

Then put to vote whether the Town will Allow to Joseph Rice One pound ten shilling for keeping ye Town Meeting the Two year past and it passed in the Affirmative

Then By a vote Adjourned their meeting to Monday ye 24 Day of March Current at two of ye Clock after noon on D Day at the meeting House in D Grafton

Nathaniel Sharman Moder

Grafton March ye 24 1754 at a Town meeting of the freeholders and other Notable persons of D Grafton By Adjournment from ye 18 day to ye 24 Current at two of the Clock after noon on D Day at ye Meeting House in D Grafton Being Accordingly met at Time and Place proceeded as followeth Viz

Then put to vote whether the Town will Except of a Road or High way that is Laid out to Capt Thomas Drury through D Drurys Land By his House to his mill Upon the Provisio of D Drurys giving the Land for D Road to the Town of Grafton and it passed in the Affirmative

Then By a vote Adjourned their meting to monday ye 11 day of April next at three of the Clock after noon on D Day at the meeting House in D Grafton Nathaniel Sharman Moder

Grafton April ye 11 1754 at a Town meting of ye freeholders and other Notable persons By Adjournment from ye 24 Day of March to ye 11 day of April 1754 Being Accordingly met at time and place proceeded Viz

Then By a vote Adjourned their meeting to Tuesday ye 14 day of may next at Three of ye Clock afternoon on D Day at the Meeting House in D Grafton Nathaniel Sharman Moder

Grafton May ye 14 1754 said freeholders and other Notable Inhabitants By Adjt from the 11 day of April being Accordingly met at Time and Place proceeded as followeth Viz

By a Vote Allowed Deacon Abner Stow £0 3 · 7 · 8 money Expended for the Town in a Lawsuite with Ebenezer Wadsworth

Then put to Vote whether the Town will Discontinue a Road Begining at the Hill a Little Sd of Ephraim Sharman House till it Come to Left hand Whipple House and it passed in the Affirmative

Then By a vote Adjourned Their meeting to Monday ye 6 day of June Next at Twelve of the clock noon on D Day at the meeting House in D Grafton Nathaniel Sharman Moder

after June ye 6 day 1754 To freeholders and other Notable
Inhabitants Being accordingly Met By Appointment from ye 17
day of May at Time and Place proceeded as followeth viz
Then put to vote Whether the Town will Reconsider Their former
vote in March Last in Discontinuering the Road from Solomon Stowe
to Benj.a Goddard Land and Accept it upon the proviso of Solomon
Stowe giving to Land for to Road to the Town of Grafton and
it passed in the Affirmative

Then put to vote whether the Town will Reconsider Their vote
passed ~~in~~ on the 17 day of may Last in Discontinuering the Road
from Ens.a Sheirman House to Left.t James Whipples House
and it passed in the Affirmative

Nathaniel Sharman Moder.r

To Mr Joael Brooks Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
you are Required in his Majestys Name forthwith to
Warn all the freeholders and other Notable Inhabitants of
the Town of Grafton Qualified According to Law to Vote
in Town Affairs. to meet at the meeting House in Grafton
on Friday the Sixteenth day of this Instant September at
one of the Clock in the Afternoon to Act on the
following Articles viz

1 to Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 for the Town to grant to the Revnd Mr Aaron Hutchinson his
Sallary for the year 1754

3 To see if the Town will Grant money to Defray Town
Charges That Have or may Arise

4 To hear the Petition of the Widow Sarah Smith of Shrewsbury

5 to See what the Town will do Concerning an order of Cor.l Nathaniel
Sharmans that is Supposed to be Left Said order was for providing
and Maintaining the Town School master in the year 1752

6 to see if the Town will Abate the Rates of Mr Charles Bruce or Accept
of Them in the Hands of Mr Solomon Stow Late Constable

7 to Heave the Report of the Now present Treasurer

And make Return of this warrent to me or more
of us at or before the hour of meeting
Grafton September ye 5 1754

Joseph Rice
Benj.a Goddard
John Sharman
Hezk Taylor
} Select men for the Town of Grafton

Pursuant to the within I have warned all the
freeholders and other Notable Inhabitants
of this Town to meet at Time and Place
within mentioned September ye 16 1754 Joel.l Brooks Constable

Grafton January yr 23 1754 (51) D Freeholders and Notable Inhabitants
Met at Time and Place agreeable to D Warrant — 112
1 Choose Capt Samuel Newton Moderator for D Meeting
2 Put to Vote whether the Town will Give the Select men Power
to order the Assessors to make Mr Hutchinsons Rate Annualy
Every year without Laying it Before the Town and it Passed
in the Negative
3 Put to Vote whether the Town will Choose a Comtee to take
a Discharge of Mr Hutchinson for the £6-13-4 the Town Voted
D Mr Hutchinson abated out of his Sallery in the year 1755
And make Return as Soon as may bee Passed in the Affirmative
By a Vote Choose Nath[ll] Sharman } For D Comtee
A By a Vote Choose Andrew Adams }
By a Vote Choose Joseph Morrison }
4 Put to Vote whether the Town will Grant Liberty to Mess[rs] James Whipple
Esq[r] Sharman Jacob Whipple for the High Way that Leads
from Decon James Whipples House to D Esq[r] Sharmans House
So Low as it Runs Through Their Land Passed in the Negative
6 Put to Vote Whether the Town will Abate or Remitt the Rate
of Benj[a] Grover in the Hands of Nathall Cooper Late Constable
and Passed in the Negative
7 Put to Vote whether The Town Will abate the Rate of John Hord Decd
in the hands of D Cooper and Passed in the Negative
8 Put to Vote again whether D Comtee Should Go to Mr Hutchinson
again and take Joseph Rice with Them and take a Discharge
of D Mr Hutchinson for the £6-13-4 as it is Voted in the Warrant
and it Passed in the Affirmative
D Comtee returned to the Town with a Discharge in full
9 Put to Vote whether the Town will Choose a Comtee to
Settle the Affair of the County Bridge By Jacob Whipples
with the Town of Sutton and to make Provision for Rebuilding
or Repairing D Bridge and Passed in the Affirmative
By a Vote Choose Esq[r] Sharman } For D Comtee
By a Vote Choose Mark Butchelder }
by a Vote Choose Left James Whipple }
Voted to Give D Comtee Instruction How to Repair or
Rebuild D Bridge

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Grant the Rev[d]
Mr Haven Hutchinsons the Sum of Sixty Pounds Lawfull
Money for his Sallary for this Present Year
and Passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Comtee that is Already Choosen to Repair and Rebuild the County Bridge By Jacob Wrights Should Employ and Give Notice to the Town People that Live Ny to ye Bridge when ye Comtee Determins to work at ye Bridge and ye Town People if they See Cause to Provide Meterials and to work at ye Bridge for High Way work in the Town of Grafton and if the Town People that Live Ny to ye Bridge do not work Nor provide Meterials then for ye Comtee to do the work at ye Bridge and provide Meterials Themselves and it passed in the Affirmative Samuel Warin Moderator

To the Town of Grafton Now Convened Gentlemen as I must Think you would Desire Nothing But what is General and fair so I provoked by your Good People would do the same having Searched the Town Records this Day I Can find — Nothing of My final Answer to this Town or the Town Vote thereon I Doubt Not your Readiness to Search into and Remedy this Defect in your Records and I Doubt as — Little when this is done of my own Readiness to Give A final Discharge for what Remained of the fifth — year Salery yours to Serve Aaron Hutchinson

Grafton Janry ye 23 1758

Grafton Janry ye 23 1758 then at the Desire of the Town Signified by their Comittee I Discharge the Town of Grafton in full of the Remainder of the fifth year Salery — — Aaron Hutchinson —

To Mr Joel Brook Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required to warn all the Freeholders and other Datable Inhabitants of this Town Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in ye Grafton on Monday the Sixth Day of March Next Insuing at Nine of the Clock fore noon on ye Day to act on the following Articles — viz

1 to Choose a Moderator for ye Meeting
2 to Chuse Town Officers for the year Ensuing as the Law Direct
3 to See if the Town Will Let the Horse Run at Large the ensuing year
4 to See How the Town will order the School the year Ensuing and How they Will Provide a School Master
to See How the Town will mend and Repair the Roads the year Ensuing

6 To Allow Town Debt
7 to accept of a List for Jury men to serve on the petty Jury at the Several Courts to be Holden at Worcester for the year Ensuing
8 to accept of and Disentinue Highways
9 to See if the Town will abate the Rate of Archebold Dike and Benja Prall and Samuel Ward in the hands of Mr John Maynard Late Constable
10 to See if the Town will abate the Rate of John Clickery and William Clickery in the hands of Mr James Whipple Late Constable
11 to See if the Town will abate the Rate of Benja Goddard Jur Assessed upon his Estate in the hands of Joel Brook Late Constable
12 to hear the Report of the Hond present Treasurer
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings at or before the Hour of Meeting to Mr Grafton Feb ye 13 - 1745

Grafton March ye 6 1745 pursuant to the within I have warned and Notified all the Freeholders and other Notable inhabitants to meet at time and place per me Joel Brook Constable

Select men for Grafton
Hezr Taylor
Eph Sharman
Benja Goddard
Joseph Rice
John Sharman

Grafton March ye 6 1745 at a Town meeting of the Freeholders and other Notable inhabitants of Grafton Legaly Warned Meet at Time and Place pursuant to the warrent

1 By a vote Choose Nathll Sharman Moderator for D Meeting
2 Voted to Choose five Select men for the year Ensuing
3 By a vote Choose Decn Joseph Merriam
4 By a vote Chose Left James Whipple
5 By a vote choose Noah Brooks
6 By a vote Choose Joseph Batcheler
7 By a vote Choose Nathll Sharman
Select men for the year Ensuing
8 By a vote choose Joseph Rice Town Treasurer for the year Ensuing
9 By a vote Choose Timothy Darling Town clerk for the year Ensuing
10 By a vote Adjourned their meeting for one Hour to the meeting House in Grafton — Nathaniel Sharman Moderator accordingly meet again at Time and place
11 By a vote Choose Joseph Willard Jur Constable for the year Ensuing
12 By a vote choose Aaron Brigham Constable for the Year Ensuing

By a vote choose Benjamin Willard Assessor for y year Ensuing
By a vote choose Decn Abner Stow Assessor for the year Ensuing
By a vote Choose Hezekiah Taylor Assessor for the year Ensuing

Voted to Chuse Seven Surveyors of (54) High Way for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Ephraim Sharman
By a vote Choose David Jacobus
By a vote Choose Aaron Fast
By a vote Choose Natha[ll] Fowler Prentice
By a vote Choose Thomas Drury junr
By a vote Choose Elisha Brigham
By a vote Choose Aaron Kimball

} Surveyors of Highways

Voted to Chuse Three Hog Reeves for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Cor[n] Natha[ll] Sharman
By a vote Choose Peter Fisk
By a vote Choose John Goulding

} Hog Reeves

Voted to Choose 2 Fence Viewers for the year Ensuing
By a vote Choose Timothy Darling
By a vote Choose Solomon Prentice

} Fence Viewers

By a vote Choose Nathall Coopper
By a vote Choose Josiah Rawson
By a vote Choose Peter Fisk

} Fything Men for ye year Ensuing

By a vote Choose John Holbrook
By a vote Choose Jacob Stevens

} Deer Viewers for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Mark Batcheler
By a vote Choose Simon Brooks

} Fire wood for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Solomon Stow
By a vote Choose Hezekiah Ward

} Hay Wards or Field Drivers for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Natha[ll] Coopper Sealer of Leather for the year Ensuing

Put to vote whether the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large the year Ensuing and Passed in the Affirmative

Put to vote whether the Town will Have a Moving School the year Ensuing and Passed in the Affirmative

Voted to Chuse a School Comm[n] of five men for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose John Goulding
By a vote Choose Jacob Stevens
By a vote Choose Eph[m] Sharman
By a vote Choose Capt Thomas Drury
By a vote Choose Joseph Whipple

} A School Comm[n] for the year Ensuing

Then By a vote Adjourned their Meeting To Friday the 10th day of March Next at Nine of the Clock forenoon and Then at the meeting House in Grafton — Nathaniel Sharman Moderator for the Meeting

Grafton March ye 10 1758 at a Town meeting by Adjournment from March ye 6 to ye 10th of March at Nine of the Clock forenoon on the day the Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants Met at Time and Place

Voted Capt Joseph Whipple Fence Viewer for the year Ensuing in the Room of Mr Solomon Prentice

Put to vote whether the Town will have the Town School kept the year Ensuing in five parts of the Town and passed in the Affirmative

Put to vote whether the Town will Leave the affair of the Towns School with the Committee that is allready Choosen and for the Committee to provide a School master for the year Ensuing and passed in the Affirmative

Put to vote whether the Town will have the Roads mended the year Ensuing agreable to the former Law passed in the Negative

Put to vote whether ye Town will abate the Rate of Archd Wire in the hands of John Maynard Late Constable and Past in the Negative

Put to vote whether The Town will abate the Rate of Benja Pratt and Samuel Ward in the hand of John Maynard Late Constable and passed in the Negative

Put to vote Whether the Town will abate the Rate of John Hickery and William Hickery in the hands of Left James Whipple Late Constable and passed in the Affirmative

Put to vote whether the Town will abate the Rate of Benja Goddard Junr assessed on his Father in the hands of Joel Brooks Late Constable and passed in the Negative

Put to vote whether the Town will Reconsider Their first vote about High ways at it above and passed in the Affirmative

Put to vote again whether the Town will mend and Repair the Roads the year Ensuing by a Town Rate and it passed in the Negative

Then Proceeded to Except Town Debts

By a vote Allowed to Benjamin Winchester for Boarding the Towns School Master and Boarding him ten Weeks the Last year — £4-0-0

By a vote Allowed to Ezekiel Brigham for Boarding the Towns School Master ten weeks the year past — £2-13-4

By a vote Allowed to David Forbush for Boarding the Towns Scholar ten weeks the Left year — £2-10-0

By a vote Allowed to Shinehah Leland for Boarding ye Towns School master ten weeks the Last year — £2-13-4

By a vote Allowed to Jacob Stevens for Boarding the Towns School master six weeks the Last year — £0-16-0

By a vote Allowed to John Sharman for Boarding the Towns School master ten weeks the Left year — £1-6-8

By a vote Allowed to John Holbrook (56) £1-6-8
for Boarding the Towns school master the year Dast
By a vote Allowed Phinehas Leland Daniel Fairbanks Ezekiel Goddard the
school Committee the sum of £3-6-8
for providing a school master in the Midle of the Town two qr
ters
By a vote Allowed to James Herrington £0-10-8
for Boarding the Town School master four weeks last year
By a vote Allowed to Mr Aaron Hutchinson £1-6-8
for Boarding the Towns School master ten weeks last year
By a vote Allowed to Nathall Stedman £0-18-0
for Making Platt ye year Dast
By a vote Allowed Joseph Merriam £0-18-0
for making Platt the year Dast
By a vote Allowed to Hezekiah Taylor £0-19-0
for Making Platt the year Dast £0-5-6
And one Shilling and Six pence for preambulating the Line
Between West Beverly and Grafton
By a vote Allowed to Joseph Rice £0-2-0
for preambulating the Line Between upton and Grafton
By a vote Allowed to John Sherman £0-2-0
for preambulating the Line Between upton and Grafton
By a vote Allowed to Phinehas Leland £2-4-10
for Plank for the great Bridge
By a vote Allowed to Benjamin Goddard £0-2-8
For what he did at the pound the year Dast
By a vote Allowed to Benjamin Goddard £0-5-6
for preambulating the Line Between Westborough and grafton
By a vote allowed to Capt Samuell Warrin £0-5-8
to Exchuse Warrin for no so much High way work in Grafton
the year Ensuing
By a vote Allowed to Ebenezer Wheeler £0-6-1
to Exchuse Wheeler from so much High Way work in Grafton
the year Ensuing
By a vote Accepted a Jury List — Viz Ebenezer Wheeler
Ebenezer Fisk James Leland Junr David Fairbanks Jno Darling
By a vote accepts the Report of the Now present Trustees
By a vote Allowed to Joseph Rice £0-10-0
for keeping the Town Treasurer the year Dast
Test — Nathll Sharman Moderator for ye Meeting

Grafton March ye 4th 1758 (54) then Laid out a Road or Highway in Grafton Begining at the Road that Leads from Capt Thomas Drurys Mill to his House D Road Begins ny Thomas Drurys gun House and runs North and it Begins at a Small pine Tree then runs to a popler Tree then to a Black oke tree then to a white Burch then to a pine tree then to a popler then to a Black oke then to a white Burch Near the Corner of Knoltons Land then Running upon D Knoltons Line to a white oke then to a black oke then to a pine Tree and so to Thrues Brook D Marks ave on the East Sid of the Road the Road is two Rod wide and D Road runs Through the Land of Thomas Axtill Aaron Hardy and Thomas Drurys Land Laid out By order of the Select men

March ye 10 1758 Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton

Nath[all] Sharman Moderator

Benj[a] Goddard
John Sharman

An accompt of Mr Joseph Rice ye Now present Treasuor for the Town of Grafton of what sums of money hath been ordred in of the Towns money of hath been shown to us the Subscribers viz

fifty Eight pounds Eight Shillings and eleven pence three farthings Remaining in the Treasuor in the former Reckoning

And fifty five pounds Granted September ye 6 1757

And Sixty pounds Granted January ye 23 1758

Which Sums are £173-8-11-¾

And are Paid Their hath been paid to the Rev[d] Mr Aaron Hutchinson the Sum of £60-0-0 for his Seventh year Sallory

And Thirteen pound Six Shillings and Eight pence to Barna Waite for keeping the Towns School

And Nineteen Shilling to Capt Jeremiah Warrin

Which Sums are £74-5-8-0 Grafton March ye 6 1758

March ye 10 1758 Read and Excepted of the Town of Grafton

Nath[all] Sharman Moderator

Benj[a] Goddard
Eben[r] Sherman
Heze[k] Taylor
Select men

Joseph Rice Town Treasurer

ph Rice Town Treasurer Sworn Before Charles Brigham Marchye 8th 1758
mothy Darling Town Clark Sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr May ye 2d 1758
eph Wallace junr and Aaron Brigham Constables Sworn by Esqr Brigham March ye 7th 1758
ry & Willard Assessor Sworn By Esqr Brigham March ye 8th 1758
ncelbre Stow and Hezekiah Taylor Assessors Sworn By Timothy Darling
March ye 10 1758
pherim Sherman Surveyor Sworn before Tim Darling March ye 10 1758
and Furbush
ron Fost
tha Sr Prentice
omet Trumy junr
ffha Brigham
aron Kimball
} Surveyors Sworn March ye 8th Before Esqr Brigham

Nathal Sharman
tew Fisk
hn Gording
} Hogreefs Sworn March ye 8th 1758 Before Esqr Brigham

im Darling
seph Whipple
} Fence Viewers Sworn May ye 2d 1758 before Esqr Brigham

Nathl Coopper
fiah Kendon
eter Fisk
} Sythong men D Coopper and D Kendon Sworn before Esqr Brigham March ye 10 1758
D Peter Fisk Before Tim Darling

hn Holbrook
acob Stearns
} Deer reefs Sworn before Esqr Brigham March ye 8th 1758

phenier Stow
zekiah Ward
} Hey Wards or field Drivers Sworn Before Esqr Brigham March ye 8th 1758

Nathl Coopper
} Sealer of Leather

To Mr Joseph Willard Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
(1) you are hereby Required in his Majestys Name to Warn all the freeholders and other Notable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at Meeting House in Grafton on Wednesday the Twenty fourth Day of this instant May at Two of the Clock in the afternoon ——
1 to Choose a moderator for ye meeting
2 to See if the Town will Chuse a Committee of Indifferant Men out of Town to Settele the Affairs Between the Town and Mr Ebenezer Brooks Late Treasurer and How they will propose to Lay matters before ye Comitt ——
3 to See if the Town will Chuse a Surveyor of High Ways to Supply the place of Aaron Taft
4 to See if the Town will Grant Liberty to Daniel Willard Elijah Dewey and Eleazr Flagg Junr to Build a pew in the Meeting House over the Mens Stairs — Hereof fail not and make Return of your Doing to one or More of us at or Before the Hour of Meeting Grafton May ye 16 1758

Joseph Morrison
Jamel Whipple
Nath[ll] Stedman
Joseph Batchelder
Noah Brooks
} Select men of Grafton

Persuant to this Warrant I have Notified and Warned all the Notable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time and place as within mentioned
Joseph Willard Constable
Grafton May ye 24 1758

Grafton May ye 24 1758 Agreable to the Warrant the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton meet at Time and place ——
1 By a vote Choose Mr Ebenezer Cutler Moderator for ye meeting
2 put to vote whether the Town will Chose a Committee of Indifferant Men out of Town to Settle the affair Between the Town and Mr Ebenezer Brook Late Treasuer and passed in the Negative
3 by a vote Choose Eleazer Flagg Surveyor of High Ways in the place of Aaron Taft
4 put to vote whether the Town will Grant Liberty Daniel Willard and Elijah Dewey and Eleazr Flagg Junr to Build a pew in the Meeting House over the Mens Stairs and passed in the Negative

Ebenezer Cutler Moderator

To Mr Aaron Brigham Constable (Co) for the Town of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in his Majestys Name to Warn all
the freeholders and other Notable inhabitents of this Town to
meet at the meeting House on friday the fifteenth day of this
instant at Two of the Clock afternoon — — — —

to Chuse a moderator for the meeting — — — — —
to See if the Town will Grant the Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinson
his Sallary for this present year — —
to See if the Town will Grant money to Defferay Town Charges
that are Arisen or may Arise this present year — — —
to See if the Town will Enact the Rates of Benj.a Goddard Junr
or any part Thereof in the Hands of Mr Joel Brooks
Late Constable Required by his master Deacon Cooper of
Hardwick — —
Fail not to make Return hereof to one or more of us at or
Before the Hour of meeting Grafton September y.e 9.th 1758

Persuant to this warrant I have
Notified and warned all the freeholders
and other Notable inhabitents to meet
at Time and place — — — —
Grafton September y.e 14.th 1758
Aaron Brigham Constable

James Whipple Junr
Joseph Merriam
Joseph Batchellor
Nath.ll Fledman
} Select Men for the Town of Grafton

Grafton September y.e 15 1758 The freeholders and Notable inhabitents
of the Grafton meet at Time and place — — — — —
By a vote Chose Mr Phinehas Rice Moderator for the meeting

Mr Solomon Prentice Decented against the Proceedings of the Town
and Calls said meeting Joregular and not properly warned
According to Law
Put to vote whether the Town will grant the Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinson
his Sallary for this present year and passed in the Affirmative
Put to vote whether The Town will grant Thirty pounds to Defray
Town Charge that have arisen or may arise this present year
By a vote granted the Sum of Thirty pounds to Defray Town
Charges that Have or may Arise this present year
Put to vote whether the Town will abate the Rates of Benj.a Goddard
in the Hands of Mr Joel Brooks Late Constable and passed in the Negative
By a vote Granted Sixty pound to the Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinson
for his Sallary this present year

Phinehas Rice Moderator for
the meeting

To Mr Joseph Willard junr Constabel (61) for the Town of Grafton Greetin
In his Magestys Name you are heareby Required to Warn all
the freeholders and other Notabel Inhabitents of this Town —
Qualified According to Law to Vote in Town Affairs to meet
at the meeting House in Grafton on monday the 5 day of
March next Ensuing at Nine of the Clock fore noon on s.d day
to act on to articles as followeth namly

1 to Chuse a moderator
2 To Chuse Town officers as the Law Directs for the year
insuing
3 to see how the Town order the School for the year insuing
and how they will Provide a School master
4 to see if the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large
the year insuing
5 to see how the Town will mend and repair the Roads
the year insuing
6 To allow Town Debts
7 To accept of a List of Jury men to serve on the pet
Jurys at the Seueral Courts to be holden at Worcester
for the year insuing
8 to accept of and Discontinue High Ways
9 To see if the Town will allow Mr Ebenezer Brooks Late
Treasurer any Consideration of What he Thinks is his
Due from the Town — otherwise to see if the Town
will Chuse a Committee to Reckon with him again
10 To see if the Town will sink the Town Rate that was assess
Upon David Truel in the Hands of Joel Brooks 1st Constabel
11 To see if the Town will abate the Rates that is assessed
Mr silas warrin for the Estate of David Poke in the hands of Mr
Joseph Willard junr present Constabel

Here of fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with
your doings herein before or at the Hour of meeting to one
or More of us Grafton febry ye 13 1759

Joseph Meriam
Joseph Batchelder
Nathaniel Heman
} Select men for the Town of Grafton

Grafton March ye 5 1759
Persuant to this Warrant I
have Notified and warned all
the freeholders and other Notabel Inhabitants to Meet at time and
Place

pr Joseph Willard junr Constabel

Grafton March ye 5 1759 the freeholders and Notabel Inhabitants of Grafton Met at Time and place as mentioned in the Warrant
by a vote Choose Nathaniel Sharman Moderator for ye Meeting
Voted To Chuse five Select men for the year Insuing
by a vote Choose Ephriam Sharman
by a vote Choose Joseph Merriam
by a vote Choose Joseph Batcheller
by a vote Choose Abne Stord
by a vote Choose John Sharman
} Select men for Grafton

Then by a vote Adjourned Their meeting for half hour to the Meeting House in ye Grafton

Nathaniel Sharman Moderator

Then by Adjournment Met gain at Time and place Proceeded
by a vote Choose Timothy Dowling Town Clark for the year Insuing
by a vote Choose Joseph Rice Town Treasurer for the year Insuing
Voted to Chuse Two Constabels for the year Insuing
by a vote Choose Thomas Drury Junr Constabel for the North Side of the Town
by a vote Dismist Thomas Drury pr from Serving as Constabel
by a vote Choos Williome Holbrook Constabel for ye South Side of the Town for the year Insuing
By a vote Choose Cap Thomas Drury Constabel for the North Side of the Town
by a vote Dismist Capt Thomas Drury from Serving as Constabel
Voted To Chuse Three Assessors for The year Insuing
By a vote Choose John Gooding
by a vote Choose David Fowbush
by a vote Choose Hezekiah Taylor
} Assessors

Voted to Chuse Seven Surveyors of High ways
by a vote Choose Joseph Merriam
by a vote Choose Jacob Whipple
by a vote Choose Joshua Toft
by a vote Choose Samuel Cooper
by a vote Choose James Leland Junr
by a vote Choose John Sharman
by a vote Choose Hezekiah Taylor
} Surveyors of High Ways

Voted to Chuse Seven Hog Riefs for the year Insuing

By a vote Choose Josiah Child
By a vote Choose Ebenr Sadler
By a vote Choose Joseph Willard juner
By a vote Choose Phinehas Leland
By a vote Chose Nathaniel Sharman
By a vote Choose Aaron Hardy
By a vote Choose James Herrington

} Hog Reefs

Voted to Chuse Two fence Viewers for the year insuing
By a vote Choose Nathaniel Sharman
By a vote Choose Phinehas Rice

} fence Viewers

Voted To Chuse Two Fything men for the year insuing
By a vote Choose Joseph Merriam
By a vote Chose Solomon Stow

} Fything Men

Voted to Chuse Two five Ward for the year insuing
By a vote Choose Hezekiah Ward
By a vote Choose Aaron Brigham

} five Wards

Voted to Chuse Two Hay Ward or field Driver
By a vote Choose Solomon Stow
By a vote Choose Josiah Child

} Hay Wards or field Drivers

By a vote Choose Nathaniel Copper Leader of Leather

then put to Vote whether The Town will Let the Swine Run at Large the year Insuing and Passed in the Affimative

Then by a vote Adjourned their meeting To Tuesday the 6 day of this Instant March at Ten of the Clock fore noon on sd day at the meeting House in sd Grafton Nathaniel Sharman Moderator

Grafton March ye 6 1759 the freeholders and Qtabel Inhabitants of sd Grafton by Adjournment met at time and place Proceeded

Voted to have a Morning School the year insuing

Then Voted to have the School kept in five parts of the Town the year insuing

Voted to Chuse a School Committee of five men to order the Destricts where the School shall be keept ye year insuing

By a vote Choose Aaron Brigham
By a vote Choose Silas Warren
By a vote Choose Nathaniel Sharman
By a vote Choose Nathaniel Copper
By a vote Choose Phinehas Leland

} A School Committee

Then Voted that the Above D Cattle (64) Should order out the District what the School Shall be Kept the year ensuing and make Report to the Town this 6 day of march to See if the Town will Keep it [redacted]

Then Put to Vote whether the Town will have the High Ways Mended and Kept in Repair the year ensuing agreabel to the Province Law and it Passed in the Affirmative

Then by a Vote Dismist Capt Thomas Drury from Serving as Constabel

By a Vote Choose Jeremiah Copper Constabel for the north side of the Town for the year ensuing

Then Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Allow Mr Ebenezer Brooks former Treasur The Sum of £4-15-11 Lawfull money that D Brooks Thinks is his Due from The Town and it Passed in the Negative

Then Voted To Chuse a Committee of five men To Reckon with Mr Ebenezer Brooks former Treasur again

by a Vote Choose Hezekiah Taylor
by a Vote Choose Ephrm Sherman
by a Vote Choose Jacob Whipple
by a Vote Choose Nathaniel Copper
by a Vote Choose Solomon Prentice

A Committee To Reckon With Mr Ebenr Brooks former Treasur Again

by a Vote Choose Joseph Willard jun Surveyor of High Ways

Then Voted That the Committee that is Already Chosen to Reckon with Mr Ebenezer Brooks former Treasur Shall begin their Reckoning with D Brooks Where Lieut Nathaniel Sherman and Charles Brigham Esqr and Deacon Merriam and Deacon Stearns began to Reckon with D Brooks four years ago

Then proceeded to Accept Town Debts

By a Vote Allowed to Andrew Adams the Sum of £0-3-0
for work done at the meeting House and Head House and for Nails in the year 1757

By a Vote Allowed to Benjamin Leland the Sum of £0-18-0
for Boarding the School Mistress nine Weeks in the past year

By a Vote Allowed to Elisha Brigham the Sum of £0-10-8
for two Hundred of Plank for the Bridge below Sharmans Mills

By a Vote Allowed to Ephraim Sherman the Sum of £2-16-10
for work and his Cart and Several Materials to Repairing the County Bridge by Jacob Whipples the past year

By a Vote allowed the Sum of £2-2-10
to Joseph Merriam Joseph Batchelder Select men for Mr John Chotes mending the Cash windows in the meeting House in the year past

By a Vote allowed to Deacon Abner Stearns the Sum of £0-18-0
for making Pitt nine days in the year past

By a vote Allowed to John Goulding the sum of ——— £4-5-
for providing a School Master Sixteen weeks and for Bording ye School Master
Sixteen weeks done by Joseph Willard junor

By a vote Allowed to Jacob Stevens the sum of ——— £4-6-
for providing a School Master ten weeks and for Bording ye School Master
ten weeks in the year past

By a vote Allowed to Hezekiah Taylor the sum of ——— £0-18-
for Making Rate nine Days in the year past

By a vote Allowed to Benjamin Willard the sum of ——— £0-17-
for Making Rate Eight Days and a half in the year past

By a vote Allowed to Mr Thomas Drury the sum of ——— £3-4-
for providing a School Master Eight weeks and for Bording ye School Master
Eight weeks in the year past

By a vote Allowed to Joseph Whipple the sum of ——— £4-6-
for providing a School Master ten weeks in the Middel of the Town and for
Bording ye School master ten weeks in the past year

By a vote Allowed to Ephraim Sherman the sum of ——— £3-7-4
for providing a School Mistriss Sixteen weeks and for Bourding ye School
Mistriss ye Sixteen weeks in the past year

By a vote Allowed to Cor Nathaniel Sherman the sum of ——— £0-16-
for Sweeping the Meeting House and for Keeping the Key the Two year past

Then By a vote Excepted a Jury List viz Joael Stevens Silas Wesson Joel
Brooks ye 3d to serve on the petty jury at the Suveral Courts to be holden at
Worcester

Put to vote whether the Town will abate the Town Rate of Isaac Jones in
the Hands of mr Joel Brooks Late Constabel and passed in the Affirmative
then put to vote whether the Town will abate the Rate that is assessed on
Silas Wesson for Amos Jones Pole in the hands of mr Joseph Willard
present Constabel and it passed in the Negative

Then voted that the School Committee that is already Chosen
should order the Districts where the School Shall be Kept the
year ensuing and provide a School Master for the year ensuing

Then by a vote Adjourned their meeting to Monday the Seventh Day
of May Next at one of the clock in the after noon on ye Day in
the Meeting House in ye Grafton Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

Grafton May ye 7: 1759 the freeholders and Notabel inhabitants by
Adjournment from the 6 Day of March 1759 met at Time and
place

By a vote Allowed to Nathaniel Sarjeantice the sum of fifteen
Shillings and nine pence for work Done at the Bridge By Jacob
Whipples and Leland Bridge in the year past

oted to chose a Constabel in the (66) room of Samuell Cooper
By a vote chose Mr Silas Warrin Constabel for ye year Ensuing
By a Vote chose Ebenezer Wheeler Surveyer of High Ways

Nathaniel Sharman Moderator

Grafton March ye 6 1759 Timothy Dowling has the oath of Town clerke Administred to him by Charles Brigham
March ye 7 1759 William Holbrook from Constable to his office and the Money oath Administred to him by Timothy Dowling Town clerk
March ye 7 1759 Samuell Cooper had the oath of Constable Administred to him Both of said oaths by Timothy Dowling Town clerk
March ye 12 1759 Hezekiah Taylor and David Forbush and John Gowing Assessors had the oaths administred to them As Assessors and respecting the passing other Government Bills by Timothy Dowling Town clerk

March ye 20 Jacob Whipple sworn Surveyer of High Ways and Respecting the passing the Other Goverment Bills By Timothy Dowling Town clerk
ye 22 Aeven Hardy sworn Hogriff By Timothy Dowling Town clerk
ye 26 James Herrington Sworn Hogriff
ye 26 Aeven Brigham sworn fire ward
ye 12 Hezekiah Ware sworn fire ward
ye 10 Josha Eaton sworn Surveyer of High Ways
ye 12 James Leland sworn Surveyer of of High Ways
ye 12 Phinehas Leland sworn Hogriff
ye 12 Ebenezer Fowler sworn Hogriff
ye 12 Joseph Willard sworn Surveyer of High Ways
ye 12 Joseph Willard sworn Hogriff
ye 12 Nathaniel Cooper sworn Sealer of Leather
ye 26 Joseph Merriam sworn Tythingman

May ye 26 Selectmen took the Money oath by Charles Brigham Justice of peace
May ye 5 Josiah Child sworn Field Driver
ye 5 Solomon Stone sworn Field Driver
ye 5 Josiah Child sworn Hogriff

May ye 7 Phinehas Reed and Nathaniel Sharman sworn Sene Viewers

May ye 24 1759 Peter Fisk had the oath Required by Law Administred to him Respecting the office of a Surveyer of High Ways and Concerning the passing the other Government Bills per Timothy Dowling Town clerk

May ye 29 1759 David Herrington had the oath Required by Law Administred to him Respecting the office of a Constable and Concerning the passing other Government Bills per Timothy Dowling Town clerk

Worcester ss To Mr William Holbrook Constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting in his Majestys name you are hereby Required to Warn all the freeholders and other Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified according to Law to Vote in Townes Affairs to meet at the meetinghouse in sd Grafton on Thursday the Twenty fourth Day of this instant May at Three of the Clock Afternoon on sd Day to Act on the following Articles if they See Cause

1 To Chuse a Moderator for sd meeting

2 To See if the Town will Dismiss Mr Silas Warrin from serving Constable for the Town of Grafton this present year whereto he was Lately Chosen and Chuse another Constabel in his room

3 to See if the Town will Chuse another Surveyor of Highways in the room of Mr Ebenezer Wheelock Lately Chosen Surveyor

4 for the Town to hear and accept of the Report of the Committee Choosen By the Town of Grafton viz Mr Ephriam Shearman Mr Mark Batchelder and Left James Whipple Deceased to agree with the Town of Sutton Respecting the County Bridge Over Blackstones River By Mr Jacob Whipples if they See Cause

5 for the Town to Remit or abate the Town Rate of Archabald Nine Rods of Land and Same Were all Late of Grafton that was Assessed Upon them in the year 1747 in the hands of Mr John Maynard Late Constable for the Town of Grafton if they See Cause or any part there of

6 for the Town to Remit or Abate the Town Rate of Jonathan Horns Late of Grafton Deceased in the hands of Mr Benjamin Chapin Late Constable for the Town of Grafton or any part if they See Cause

7 for the Town to Remit or Abate the province and County Rate of Charles Bruce Late of Grafton Deceased in the Hand of Mr Solomon Stow Late Constable for the Town of Grafton or any part thereof if they See Cause

8 for the Town to Grant money to Repair and mend the High Ways in the Town of Grafton this present year if they See Cause

Hereof fail Not and make Return of this Warrant with your doings Hereon to us or Some one of us before or at the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton May ye 14th 1759

Joseph Marian
Ephriam Shearman
Abner Stow
John Shearman
} Select men for the Town of Grafton

Grafton May ye 24th 1759 Pursuant to the within Warrant I have Warned or Notified the freeholders and Qualified Inhabitants of sd grafton to Meet at Time and Place

per Me William Holbrook Constable

Grafton May ye 24th 1759 the freeholders and Inhabitants of Grafton
Met at time and place as Mentioned in the warrant and proceeded viz
By a Vote Chose Mr Ebenezer Cutler Moderator for ye meeting
By a Vote Dismist Mr Silas Warrin from serving Constable this year
Voted to Chuse a nother man for Constable in the room of Mr Silas Warrin
By a Vote Chose David Hagerston Constable for the Town of Grafton
for this present year
Voted to Chose a nother man Surveyor of Highways in the room of Ebenezer Wheeler
By a Vote Chose Hezekiah Ward Surveyor of highways
By a Vote Chose Peter Fisk Surveyor of High ways for the Town of
Grafton for this present year in the room of Ebenezer Wheeler
Put to vote whether the Town will abate the Rates of Ancherstt viz in
the hands of John Maynard late Constable and past in the Negative
Put to vote whether the Town will abate the Rates of Benjn Gnall as
assessed in the hands of John Maynard late Constable
and passed in the Negative
Put to vote whether the Town will abate the rate of Jonathan Adams
in the hands of Benjamin Chapin late Constable and past in the Negative
Put to vote whether the Town will abate the province and County
Rate of Charles Brown in the hands of Solomon Stone late Constable
and passed in the negative
Put to vote whether the Town will grant money to Mend and Repair
the Roads and High ways in the Town of Grafton this present
year and it passed in the Negative

Sutton February ye 12 1759
Ebenezer Cutler Moderator for ye meeting
Then met together the Selectmen of Sutton and a Committee from Grafton and a Grant that
concerning Maintaining the Bridge over Blackstons River near Mr Jacob Whipples
that Sutton Shall Maintain one half of ye Bridge (viz) half way from the
Stone Butmon on the west side of the River to the Stone Butmon on the
East side of ye River adjoining to Butmon now Stands and the Town of Grafton
to Maintain the other half of ye Bridge (viz) half way from the Stone Butmon
on the East side of ye River to the Stone Butmon on the west side of ye River
Each Town to Maintain their own Butmon (viz) the Butmon that Stands
on one side of the River — and Each Town to Maintain the Walling on their own
ye Rivers and when the wood Butmon which Stands in the Middle of the River
shall need to be New Built Sutton Shall do three fourth of ye wood Butmon
to Make when for the time past and Grafton Shall do the other fourth and then
for the future the wood Butmon Shall be Equilly Maintained Between
the Town of Sutton and the Town of Grafton

Benjamin Woodbery
Daniel Greenwood
Samuell Chase
Samuel Prask
} Select men in Behalf of the Town of Sutton

Moses Batchellor
Ephraim Sherman
} a Committee in behalf of the Town of Grafton

Grafton May ye 24 1759 the above Report Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton
Ebenezer Cutler Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr David Herrington Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

In his Majestys name you are hereby Required to Warn all the freeholders and other Notteable Inhabitents of s.d grafton Qualified according to Law to Vote in Town affairs to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in said grafton on Tuesday the Seventh day of August next Ensuing at three of the Clock in Afternoon on s.d Day to act on the following Articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2 To see if the Town will Assist Deacon Joseph Merriam Nathall Sherman & Hezekiah Taylor Late Assessors for the Town of Grafton and also James Leland Junr Late Constable for the Town of Grafton in any Method that the Town Shall think proper in Defending a Law Suit Commenced against the s.d Assessors for Assessing Josiah Fisk of Upton in the year 1754 and said James Leland for making Distress on s.d Fisk for said Rate the said year that he was Assisted or to Assist Either of them

3 To see if the Town will Accept of the Accompt of the Surveyors for the Town of Grafton for Labour Done in Mending and Repairing the Roads and Highways in said grafton and Grant money to pay the same or any other Method that they Shall think proper in said Affair

4 To see if the Town will Assist Peter Fisk Surveyor in Defending a Law Suit Commenced against him By Hezekiah Ward for Labour Done at Highways by said Ward under said Fisk Surveyor in any Method that the Town Shall think proper

5 To see if the Town will Remitt or abate the Rate of Ebenez Fletcher or any part of them in them in the hands of Mr Amos Brigham Late Constable for grafton

6 To see if the Town will remitt or abate the Rate remaining of the Rate of Charles Bruce Late of Grafton Deceased in the hands of Solomon Stow Late Constable for the Town of grafton

Hereof fail Not and make Return of this Warrant with your doings Herein to us or Some one of us at or Before the Hour of Meeting

Dated at grafton July ye 24th 1759 Joseph Merriam
Joseph Batcheller
John Sherman
Abner Stow
Selectmen of the Town of grafton

Pursuent to this Warrant I have Warned all the freeholders and Notable Inhabitents in grafton to Assemble in grafton at Time and Place as Mentioned in the Within Riten Warrant

Grafton July ye 30 1759 David Herrington Constable

grafton August 4th 1759 at a Town (90) meeting of the freeholders and Notable Inhabitants of ye grafton Legally warned and Assembled at the meeting House in said grafton proceeded as followeth viz

1 By a vote Choose Jhinehas Rice Moderator for said meeting

2 Put to vote whether the Town will Assist Joseph Merriam Nath.ll Stedman and Hezekiah Taylor Late Assessors for the Town of grafton in a Land Suite Brought against them By Josiah Fisk of Upton Passed in the Affirmative

3 Put to vote whether the Town will Assist James Leland junr Late Constable for grafton in a Land Suit Brought against him By Josiah Fisk of Upton for his making Distress upon him the said Josiah Fisk for Rates in the year 1754 and it passed in the Affirmative

4 Put To vote whether the Town will Assist the said Joseph Merriam Nathaniel Stedman and Hezekiah Taylor Late Assessors and the said James Leland junr Late Constable in Carring the Land Suit Through the Law with a man or Men and it passed in the Negative

5 Put to vote whether the Town will Assist the said Joseph Merriam Nathaniel Stedman and Hezekiah Taylor Late Assessors and James Leland junr Late Constable in providing and with money to carry the Action Commenced Against them the said Assessors and James Leland junr Constable the said Action Brought against them By Josiah Fisk of Upton Through the Law and it passed in the Affirmative

6 Voted to pass the third article in the Warrant and not act on it at present Respecting the accepting the Sugars accompt

7 Put to vote whether the Town will Assist Peter Fisk Surveyor of High ways in an Action Brought against him By Hezekiah Ward of grafton for Work done by said Ward in the High ways and it passed in the Affirmative

8 Voted to Chuse a man To Assist Peter Fisk Surveyor of High ways in Carring the Action Commenced against him By Hezekiah Ward Through the Law

9 By a vote Choose Nathaniel Sherman to Assist Peter Fisk in Carring the Action Brought against said Peter Fisk by Hezekiah Ward Through the Law

10 Put to vote whether the Town will provide and Assist Peter Fisk with Money to Carry the Action Brought against him by Hez.h Ward Through the Law and it passed in the Affirmative

11 Put to vote whether the Town will abate the Rate of Eleazer Fletcher in the Hand of Thomas Brigham Late Constable Passed in Negative

12 Put to vote whether the Town will Abate the remainder of the Rate of Charles Bowes Late of grafton Left in the Hands of Solomon Stow Late Constable and it passed in the Negative

Jhinehas Rice } Moderator for said Meeting

(1760) Worcester ss To Mr William Holbrook Constable for the Town of Grafton
Greeting In his Majestys Name you are Hereby Required to Warn all
the Freeholders and other Notable Inhabitents of said Grafton Qualified
According to Law to Vote in Town affairs to Meet and Assemble on
Friday the fourteenth Day of this instant September at Two of the Clock
afternoon on said Day at the meeting House in said Grafton to Act
on the following Articles if they See Cause Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2 To Grant the Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary for this present
year
3 To Grant money to Defray Town Charges this present year
4 To Grant money to Mend and Repair the Roads and Highways
in said Grafton this present year
5 For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Look up and Procure the money
that is Coming to the Town of Grafton for the Benefit of the Town
out of the Estate of Joshua Mixer late of Grafton Deceased

Hereof fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant with your doings
Herein to us or Some one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting
Dated at Grafton September ye 4th 1759

Ephraim Sherman
Joseph Merriam
Joseph Batcheler
Abner Rice
John Sherman
} Selectmen for the Town of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton September ye 14 1759 By Virtue of the
within Warrant I have Warned all the Freeholders and Notable
Inhabitents of the Town of Grafton to Meet and Assemble at Time
and Place in Within Mentioned per me William Holbrook } Constable for
Town of Graf

Grafton September ye 14 1759 at a Town Meeting of
the Freeholders and Notable Inhabitants of said Grafton Warned and Assembled
at the meeting House proceeded as followeth Viz

1 By a Vote Chose Nathaniel Sherman Moderator for said Meeting
2 By a Vote Granted the Revend Mr Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary for
this present year
3 Voted to Grant Money to Defray Town Charges this present year
that Have or May Arise
4 By a Vote Granted the Sum of Thirty Pound of Money To Defray
Town Charges this present year
5 Voted to Grant money to pay for mending the Roads and High
ways this present year
6 By a Vote Granted Forty Pound of money to pay for
Mending the Roads and Highways in the Town of
Grafton this present year

Voted To Chuse A Committee To Look up and Procure the Money
that is Coming To the Town of Grafton for the Benefit of the Town
out of the Estate of Joshua Mischo Late of Grafton Deceased

By a vote Choose Nathaniel Sherman
By a vote Choose Solomon Prentice
By a vote Choose Andrew Adams
By a vote Dismist Andrew Adams at his Request
By a vote Choose Ephraim Shearman

} for said Committee

Nathaniel Sherman — Moderator for said Meeting

Worcester ss To Mr David Harrington Constable for the Town of Grafton
Greeting
In his Majestys Name you are Hereby Required to Warn all
the freeholders and other Notable Inhabitents of s^d Grafton
Qualified according to Law to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet
and Assemble at the Meeting House in s^d Grafton on Monday
the third day of March next at Nine of the Clock forenoon on
s^d day to Act on the following Articles viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To Chuse Town officers for the year Ensuing of the Said District
3 To See if the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large the year Ensuing
4 To See How the Town Will order the School the year Ensuing and
How they Will Provide a School Master
5 For the Town to propose some Method How the High Way and
Roads in s^d Grafton Shall be Mended and Kept in Repair
the year Ensuing
6 For the Town to Propose by a Vote what they Will Allow a
Man per day and a pair of Oxen and Cart per day for Labor
done in Mending and Keeping in Repair the the High Ways and
Roads in said Grafton the year Ensuing
7 For the Town to Chuse a Committee to Receive the Money for the Town
of Grafton that is Due to s^d Town out of the Estate Originally of
Christian and Deborah Mischo Late of Grafton Deceased and to
Order said Money in to the Treasury of said Town for the use of
said Town if they See Cause
8 For the Town to Accept of and Disallow High Ways in said Town
9 To hear the Report of the Hond Present Governour
10 To Accept of a List of Jury Men to Serve on the Petty Jury at the
Generall Court to be holden at Worcester Within and for said
County the year Ensuing
11 For the Town to Abate the Rate of Jacob Whipple Joseph Whipple
Ebenezer Wheeler and Robard Lathe that were Assessed upon
their Poles and Estate to the Ministers Salleary for the
year 1759 if they See Cause

12 To Accept of and Allow Town Debt
13 for the Town to abate the Rate of Eleazer Fletcher's that Was
Assessed upon him in the Town of Grafton in the year
1758 or Any part thereof if they See Cause
14 for the Town to abate the Rate of Thomas Axtell that Was
Assessed upon his Son John for his Pole if they See Cause
Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant
with your Doings Herein to us or Some one of us Before or at
the Hour of meeting

Dated at Grafton
the th
February 11 1760

Abner Shaw
Ephraim Shearman
Joseph Merriam
Joseph Batcheler
John Shearman
} Select Men for the Town of Grafton

Pursuant to the within written Warrant I have Warned all the Notable Inhabitents and Freeholders in Grafton to appear at time and place as Set Forth in this Warrant

Grafton February 29th 1760 David Harrington Constable

Grafton March 3 1760 At a Town meeting of the Freeholders and Notable Inhabitents of Said Grafton Warn and Assembled at the Meeting House in Said Grafton on Monday the third day of March Current at Nine of the Clock Forenoon on Said day proceeded as followeth viz

1 By a vote Choose Nathaniel Shearmen Moderator for Said Meeting
2 Voted to Chuse five Select men for the year Ensuing
By a vote Choose Ephraim Shearman
By a vote Choose John Shearman
By a vote Choose Israel Stevens
By a vote Chose Herekiah Taylor
By a vote Choose Joseph Batcheler
} Selectmen for the Town of Grafton for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Timo Darling Town Clark for the year Ensuing
By a vote Choose Joseph Rice Town Treasurer for the year Ensuing
By a vote Adjourned their meeting for one Hour to the Meeting House in Said Grafton — Nathaniel Shearmen Moderator
Accordingly By Adjournment the Said Notable Inhabitents meet again at time and place proceeded as followeth viz
Voted To Chuse Two Constables for the Town of Grafton for the year Ensuing
By a vote Choose Abraham Brown Constable for the year Ensuing
By a vote Choose Jeames Harrington Constable for the year Ensuing
Voted To Chuse three Assessors for the Town of Grafton for year Ensuing
By a vote Choose Ens John Goulding
By a vote Choose Ens Benjamin Willard
By a vote Choose Herekiah Taylor
} Assessors for the Town of Grafton

By a Vote [illegible] Joshua Taft to Serve Constable for the Town of Grafton
the year Ensuing in the Room and place James Harrington

Voted To Chuse Two Fything men for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Moses Harrington } Fything men for the Town of Grafton
By a vote Choose Joseph Willard Jr } for the year Ensuing

Voted to Chuse five Surveyors of High Ways for the Town of Grafton for Ensuing Year

By a vote Choose Jacob Stevens
By a vote Choose Ezekiel Brigham
By a vote Choose Ebenezer Fosdick
By a vote Choose Andrew Adams
By a vote Choose Peter Brooks
By a vote Choose Samuel Chase
} Surveyors of High Ways for the Town of Grafton for the year Ensuing

Voted To Chuse Two Surveyors more for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Nathaniel Shearman
By a vote Choose Ebenezer Cutler
} Surveyors of High Ways for the Town of Grafton for the year Ensuing

Voted To Chuse five Hogreifs for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Moses Harrington
By a vote Choose Abraham Temple
By a vote Choose Isaac Lovell
By a vote Choose Jacob Whipple
By a vote Choose Stephen Prentice
By a vote Choose William Holbrook
} Hogreifs for the Town of Grafton for ye year Ensuing

Voted to Chuse Two fire wards for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Aaron Brigham
By a vote Choose Solomon Stow
} fire wards

By a vote Choose Abraham Temple
By a vote Choose Noah Brooks
} Deareifs for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Nathaniel Warin
By a vote Choose Abraham Brown
} fence Viewers for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Solomon Stow } Haywards or field Drivers for the year
By a vote Choose Hezekiah Ward } Ensuing

By a vote Choose Josiah Child Sealer of Leather for the year Ensuing

Put To Vote Whether the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large the year Ensuing And Passed in the Affirmative

Voted To have the School Kept and Voted to Buy a School Committe and To provide a School Master in the Method it Was Last year

Voted to Chuse a School Committee of five men for the year Ensuing

By a vote Choose Joseph Willard Jr
By a vote Choose Benjamin Joseph Merriam
By a vote Choose Nathaniel Shearman
By a vote Choose Ephraim Shearman
By a Vote Choose Ezekiel Brigham
} A School Committee for the Town of Grafton for the year Ensuing

Voted to Chuse A Committee to Take or Receive the Money that is
Due to the Town of Grafton Out of the State Originally of Christian
and Deborah Miller Late of Grafton Deceast and for said Committee to
Order the said Money into the Town Treasury of Grafton for the Use
and Benifit of said Town

Voted to Chuse three men for said Committee
By a vote Chose Cor Nathaniel Sherman
By a vote Chose Ephraim Sherman
By a vote Chose Hezekiah Taylor
} A Committee

By A Vote Adjourned their Meeting to Monday the tenth day
of March Current at ten of the Clock fore Noon on said
Day to the Meeting House in said Grafton Nath.l Sherman Moder.r

Grafton March ye 10 1760 By Adjournment from the third day of March to
the day Above the said freeholders and Notible Inhabitants of said Grafton
Meet at Time and place Proceed as followeth viz

Voted that the Roads and High Ways in said Grafton Shall be mended and
Kept in Repair the year Ensuing By a Rate (and that Every man
Shall be Notified by the Surveyor of his District When and Where to
Work and Every man that Works from the first day of April to the
Last day of September Shall be Allowed two Shillings and Eight pence
per day and one Shilling and Eight pence per day for a pare
of Oxen and Cart and it Shall be Assessed on the Inhabitents of said
Grafton By the present years Invoice By the Assessors of said Town
all Ready Choosen and he that doth not Worke out his Equal
Proportion By Assessment then the Surveyor Shall Committ the Ratt
to the Constable and the Constable Shall Collect the Money of
those that do not Work for the Benifit of said Town)

By A Vote Allowed the same price per day for Labor don at the Roads
and High Ways in the year 1759 and for A Cart and pare of Oxen that
is Allowed this present year and those that Work at the Roads Last
year after after the Last of September Shall be Allowed two Shillings
per day

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Abate the Ratt of Joseph Whipple Jacob
Whipple Ebenezer Wheelor and Robert Leath that Ware Assessed on their
Poll and Estates to the Ministers Sallary in the year 1759 and passed
in the Negative

Then by a vote Accepted a List of Jury men viz Josiah Rawson Hezekiah
Ward Benjamin Leland Aaron Bigham

By a vote Accepted the Report of the Now present Treasurer

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Abate the Ratt of Moses Fletcher Junr
that Ware Assessed on him in the year 1758 and it passed in
the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Abate the Ratt that Ware Assessed on
Thomas Axtell for his Son Johns poll the year past and passed in
the Affirmative

By a vote Chose Ebenezer Taber Surveyor of High Ways for the Town of Grafton for
the year Ensuing

By a vote Chose Daniel Bowker Hogring

By a vote Chose John Stow Sear Reif

Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

The Town of grafton Dr to ~~of~~ to providing for the Support of the Widow Abigail Wells family the year past in the Time of their Sickness to sundrie Articles Wood Corn Meat Sugar &c Thirteen Shillings ~~Forty~~ one Pece three Farthings

Esther Sharman
Abner Stow
John Sharman
Jos Balcheler
Jos Merriam
} Select men for the Town of grafton

Grafton February ye 25 1760

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted By the Town of grafton

Natha all Sharman Moderator

Town of Grafton to Joseph Rice Dr to Keeping the Town Treasur the two year past the Sum of £1-10-0

Joseph Rice

Grafton march ye 10 1760

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted By the Town of grafton

Natha all Sharman Moderator

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the Town of grafton Dr for money Expended in defending a Law Suit Brought against the Assesors & Constable By Josiah fisk of Upton in ye year 1759 the Sum of £1-10-8 Grafton March ye 3 1760 James Leland Jor

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted By the Town of Grafton Nathel Sharman Moderator

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The Towne of grafton Dr to me for providing two Seals to Seal Leather one for Sol Leather the Other for upper Leather three Shillings

Grafton March ye 10 1760

Nath all Cooper

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted By the Town of Grafton

Nathaniel Sharman Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to me as one of the Town Comtte to providing a School master to Keep the Town School the year past in the Easterly part of said Town ten weeks at fore Shillings per Week £3-0-0

to Boarding said School master ten weeks at two Shillings and Eight pence per week £1-6-8

Grafton March ye 10 1760

Silas Wearin

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted By the Town of grafton Natha all Sharman Mo

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the Town of grafton Dr to me as one of the ~~School~~ Comtte to providing a School Master to Keep the Town School the year past in the Westerly part of S Town ten weeks at fore Shillings per week £3-0-0

and to Boarding said School master said ten weeks at two Shilling and Eight pence per week £1-6-8

Grafton March ye 10 1760

Aaron Brigham

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted By the Town of grafton Natha all Sharman Moderator

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The Town of Grafton Dr for Money Expended in Defending a Law Suit Brought against the Assesors and Constable by Josiah fisk of Upton in the year 1759 the Sum of £1-9-6

Grafton March ye 3 1760

Joseph Merriam

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted By the Town of grafton Natha all Sharman Moderator

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the Town of grafton to me Dr for sweeping the Meeting House the year past and Keeping the Key of said House the Sume of Eight Shillings £0-8-0

Grafton March ye 10 1760

Nathaniel Sharman

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Accepted By the Town of grafton

Nathaniel Sharman Moderator

The Town of Grafton To Peter Fisk (Jr) for on Account of An Action Brought Against him the Said Peter by Hezekiah Wood for Jurnies Done at Meeting ye High ways in to Grafton the Last at Ebenr Bucker at Westboroght

To the Copy of the Writ	£0-1-0
To Bond of Appeal	0-2-0
To the Copy of the Case	0-3-6
to three Witnesses one days travel Each	0-4-6
and to one days Attendance Each Witness	0-4-6
to the Jaylor one days Travel and Attendance	0-3-0
Sum Total is	£0-18-6
the Writ at Worcester to the Entery of the Action	0-11-0
to one Evidence two days Travel	0-3-0
to Attendance one Evidence Attendance one day	0-1-6
to the Attorneys Fee	0-18-0
to the Defendant two days travel	0-3-0
to two days Attendance	0-3-0
Grafton March ye 10 1760 Sum Total is	£2-18-0

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton Peter Fisk
Nath[ll] Sherman Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to James Leland Jr for Work Done at the great Bridge Near Lieut Phinehas Leland Sum total £4-0-0

Grafton March ye 10 1760 James Leland Jr for Surveys of High Ways

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton Nath[ll] Sherman Mod[r]

The Town of Grafton Dr to ye of A Comittee Chosen to meet with the Town of Sutton to Agree with said Town of Sutton Respecting the County Bridge By Jacob Whipple 2 two days Each at two Shillings ye day £0-12-0
to the Shilling Money Expended in providing A Coppy of the Court Act
Sum total is £0-13-0

Ephraim Sherman
Mark Baketeler
Comittee

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

Town of Grafton to Phinehas Leland Dr to providing A School Mistress Sixteen Weeks in the South West Part of the town in the year 1759 and to Boarding the said School Mistress Sixteen Weeks
Sum total is £5-2-5

Grafton March ye 3 1760 Phinehas Leland one of ye School Comittee

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton
Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

To the Town of Grafton Dr to Repairing the Meeting House in November 1759 £1-0-0

Grafton March ye 3 1760

Ephraim Sherman
Joseph Baketeler
Abner Tod
John Sherman
Joseph Merriam
Select Men

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted By the Town of Grafton
Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

The Town of Grafton To Peter Fisk Surveyor of High Ways for Service
Done in Mending and Repairing the Roads in his District in the year 1759
The Men Which Ware Employed one of Fellowth

Viz	3 days	Each	Court	£0-5-0
Peter Fisk	3 days			0-12-8
Hezekiah Ward	3 days and half	2 days	Court two days	
Benjn Thurston	3 days and half	1 day		
Second Fourbush	1 day and half			
Josiah Child	half day			
Israel Stevens	3 days and half			
Jacob Stevens	3 days and half			
Isaac Harrington	3 days & half			
John Smith	3 days			
Joseph Merriam	3 days			
Joseph Merriam jun	2 days			
Jno Wadsworth	2 days & half			
Jonathan Child	3 days			
Silas Harris	3 days			
John Thurston	2 days			
Peter Miller	3 days			
Nathan Marbel	3 days			
Samll Harrington	3 days			
Nathll Whitney	2 days			
Nathall Hedman	2 days			
Eleazr Flagg	3 days			
Eleazr Flagg jun	3 days			
Samll Flagg	3 days			
Josiah Lawson	3 days			
Nathll Hudson	2 days			
Mos Davies	2 days & half			

Total £1 £10-2-8

A true Accompt Examd Exectd Peter Fisk Surveyor of High Ways for the Town of Grafton

Dated Grafton February ye 24 1760

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Exected by the Town of Grafton Nathll Hearman Moderato

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The Town of Grafton Dr To Me for six days Attendance Court
Two Shillings per day — — — £0-12-0

Grafton March ye 10 1760 James Leland Jur

March ye 10 1760 this Read and Exected By the Town of
Grafton — Nathaniel Hearmen Moderater

An Account of Work Don (80) By Jacob Whipple Surveyor for the town of Grafton are as followeth viz for Work don before the Latt of September

Solemon Prentice one day and a half day
Eph[r] Sharman five days and a half and one day overs
Joseph Whipple six days
Joseph Rice four days
Ebenezer Rice two day and a half day
Ebenezer Rice for two days and a half
James Whipple for three days
John Whipple three days
Isaac Willard two day and half
Ephraim Sharman for three day
Jacob Whipple two days and half
Ebenezer Fuller one day and half
Abraham Parkhurst three days
Moses Whipple three days
Work don after September
Eph[r] Sharman half a day
Joseph Merriam half a day
Joseph Batchelor half a day
Jacob Whipple one day
Abner Low one day
Joseph Rice one day Sum Total is —— —— —— £7. 5. 4

Grafton March ye 10 1760 Jacob Whipple Surveyor of High Ways
March 10 1760 this Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton
Nattall Sharman Moderator

The Town of Grafton to John Gowtoing Dr to Nine days and a half day of Work att Making Rath att two Shillings per day Exclusive Totel —— —— —— £0-19-0

John Gowtoing

Grafton March ye 3 1760
March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton
Nattll Sharman Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to Some of One of ye School Committee for providing a School Dame for the Middle of the Town fourteen Weeks at four Shillings per Week —— —— —— £2--16--0
to Providing ye School fourteen weeks at two Shillings and four pence per week —— —— —— £1-13-7½
three farthings per Week

Grafton March ye 10 1760 Nathaniel Sharman one of ye School Committee
March ye 10 1760 this Red and Excepted by the town of Grafton
Nathaniel Sharman Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to Mr (Ł1) as one of the Town Committee for providing
School Dame nine weeks and one day at four shillings per Week Ł1-16-
Boarding the School Dame nine Weeks and one day at two shillings and
two pence three farthings per Week —— Ł1--5-11
Grafton March ye 10 1760 Nathaniel Cooper Constable for the north part of the Town
March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton Nath.l Shearman Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr for Money Expended in Defending a Lawsuit Brought
Against the Assessors and Constable by Josiah Fisk of Upton in ye yew 1759
the sum of —— Ł1-12-0
and to six day Attendence at the Inferior Court and Superior Court
at two shilling per day —— Ł0-12-0
and to Making Rates for said Town nine days at two p/ pr day Ł0-18-0
and Becoming with mr Brooks Treasuor —— Ł0--6-0
Grafton March ye 10 1760 —— Hezekiah Taylor
March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton Nath.l Shearman Moderator

The Town of Grafton to Nath.ll Shearman Dr for Service as a Committee man
in the Case of Fisk and Ward to one Journey to Westborough and a copy of the
summons —— Ł0-10-0
for two day at Worcester and Expence —— Ł0-6-0
for the Attorney fees —— Ł0 12-0
for one Witness —— 0-5-6
Grafton March ye 10 1760 Nathaniel Shearman —— Ł1-9-6
March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton Nath.ll Shearman Moderator

The Town of Grafton to David Forbush Dr for Nine days Work at making Rates
at two shilling per day —— Ł0-18-0
and Exepd David Forbush March ye 10 1760
March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton Nath.l Shearman Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr for Money Expended in Defending a Lawsuit
brought Against the Assessors and Constable by Josiah Fisk of Upton
in the yew 1759 the sum of —— Ł1-[illegible]-0
Grafton March ye 3 1760 Nathaniel Sedman
Also six day for tending Court at one shilling and six pence
per day —— Ł0-9-0
Grafton March ye 10 1760 —— Nathaniel Sedman
March ye 10 1760 this Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton
Nathaniel Shearman Moderator

We the Subscribers Having met with Mr Joseph Rice the Last Present Town Treasur and have Reconed with said Treasur and We find by Oath Sworn to us that there Was Remaining in the Treasur in the Last Reconing the sum of Ninety nine pound three Shillings three pence and three farthings and also We find by Oath Sworn to us that since said Last Reconing there hath been Ordered in to the Treasur for the years 1758 and 1759 the sum of Two Hundred and Twenty pounds Which said sums Ammounts to Three Hundred Nineteen pound three Shillings three pence and three farthings and We find by his Receipts that he hath Paid out the sum of One Hundred Eighty five pounds fourteen Shillings and five pence and there Remains still in the Treasur the sum of One Hundred Thirty three pounds Eight Shilling ten pence and three farthings

Grafton Febrewary ye 25 1760

Ephraim Sherman, Abner Stow, Joseph Merriam, Joseph Batcheller } Select men for the Town of Grafton

March ye 10 1760 this Reconing Read and Accepted By the Town of Grafton

Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

Joseph Rice Town Treasurer

March ye 3 1760 Timo Darling Sworen Town clerk to the faithfull Discharge of his office and Repecting the passing other Goverment Bills By Charls Brigham Esqr

March ye 3 Select men for the Ensuing year all of them had the Money Oath Administred to them By Timo Darling Town Clerk

Abraham Brown, Joshua Taft } Constables for the Ensuing year Both sworan by Timo Darling

Hezekiah Taylor, John Goulding, Benja Willard } Assessors Sworn By Timo Darling Town Clerk

Moses Harrington, Joseph Willard jr } Sworan Sything men By Timo Darling

Jacob Steven, Ezekiel Brigham, Ebenezer Fisher, Aneid Adams, Jeb Brooks, Samuel Chase, Natha all Sherman and Ebenezer Cutler all of them Sworn Sugaeal of Highways

Moses Harrington, Abraham Jenyle, David Townbush, Jacob Whipple, Stephen Prentice, William Holbrook, Hog Riefs all Sworn

Aaron Brigham and Solomon Stow fine wards Sworen

Nathall Goarin and Abraham Brown Sworn fence Viewers

All the Above Town Officers Were Sworn March ye 3d 1760 By Timo Darling Town clerk

March ye 10 1760 Joseph Rice Town Treasur Sworn pr Timo Darling Town Clerk

Abra Jenyle, John Sterd, Dear Riefs Sworn March ye 10 1760

Solamon Stow and Hezekiah Haywards Sworn March ye 10 1760 pr Timo Darling Town

March ye 10 1760 Josiah Dutch Sworn Sealer of Leather pr Timo Darling Town Clerk

NB all the Above Named Town officers have Taken the oath Respecting Passing other Goverment Bills att Timothy Darling Town clerk

Grafton March ye 9th 1761 The Names of Persons Sworn to their Respective Offices hereafter Named Viz Timothy Darling Town Clerk Deacn Joseph Merriam Town Treasurer.

The Select men for the Currant year

Deacn Abner Stow
Samuel Warin
Deacn Willard
} Assessors

Abner Stow
Joseph Willard
Asa Brown
} Church Wardens

Nath Brooks
Shinehas Leland
} Sealers of Leather

Ebenezer Cutler } Constable

Deacn Joseph Merriam
Jacob Wheeler
Simon Brooks
Nath Harrington
Josiah Lyon
} Surveyors of High Ways

Nath Cooper
Joel Brooks
} Fyltingmen

James Leland jur
Solomon Stow
} Field Drivers

Hezh Ward
David Harrington
} Fence Wardens

Asa Temple
Eb Foster
} Fence Viewers

Shinehas Lyon Sealer of Leather

Isaac Harrington jur
Nath Hudson
Amos Waite
Jona Hall
Shinehas Rice jur
} Hoggreves

Coram Charles Brigham Justice Peace

June ye 26 1761 Benjamin Leland } Constable Sworn Coram Charles Brigham Just Peace

To the Select men of Grafton Gent this is to Informe you I have taken in to my House & Family to Dwell there Robert Eames & Lydia his Wife and one Child named Aaron they Came from Marlborough to Grafton I am to his Circumstances & Ability I am a Stranger they Came to my House the 16 day of may Currant

Grafton June ye 1th 1761 from your Ser

Thomas Drury

Worcester ss To Mr Abraham Brown a Constable for the Town of Grafton — — — — — Greeting

You are Required in his Majestys Name to Notifie and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants in said Grafton Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble and meet together at ye Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday the Ninth day of this Instant May at Two o Clock p m then and there to act and vote upon the following things Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To Accept Town Debts
3 to hear the Report of the Last Committee Chosen by the To to Recon and Settel accounts with Mr Ebenezer Brooks Late Town Treasurer and to Accept thereof if they See Cause

Here of fail Not and Make Return of your doings to one or Ma of Brookfield att or before the Hour of Meeting Grafton May 5th 1760

Pursuant to the within written warrant I have Warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet at time and place Abraham Brown Constable

Samuel Heywood
John Sherman
Joseph Batchelder
Eliz Taylor
Select Men of Grafton

Grafton May ye 9 1760 at a Town Meeting of the Notable Inhabitants of Said Grafton Warned assembled at time and place of ye Settl Contents in the Warrant

1 By a vote Chose Mr Ebenezer Cutler Moderator for said Meeting

December ye 31 1759 the Town of Grafton Dr to half days work — £0-4-0
at the School House — £0-0-6
and to 60 10penny Board Nails —

Pr Deacon Harrington
May ye 9 1760 this Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton Ebenezer Cutler Moderator

The Town of Grafton to Solomon prentice Dr To four days Service in the Committee Recording with Mr Ebi Brooks late Town Treasurer at 4 p day £0-10-0
To one day in the Committee Relating to the Legacy out of Misses Eustat — £0-2-0
To Nails for the Meeting House pr Mr Kimball — £0-0-10
Grafton May 3: 1760 — £0-12-10

Pr Solomon prentice

May ye 9: 1760 this Account Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton Ebenezer Cutler Moderator for said Meeting

Town of Grafton Dr for Labor in mending and Repairing Roads Ways in the Town of Grafton as Surveyor in the year 1759 as follows

Lieut Ensign Thomas Pratt one day in June 2s — £0-2-8
Capt Samuel Wright four days in June at 2s per day — 0-10-8
and one day in October and Oxen and Cart half a day — 0-2-8
Mr Mark Batchelder four days at 2s per Day — 0-10-8
and to 2 days in october at 2s per day — 0-4-0
Joseph Batchelder two days in June 2s per Day — 0-4-0
Deacon Abner Howe three day and half in June — 0-7-4
and to two day in october — 0-4-0

Ebenezer Wheeler two Days (P 5) in June 2/8 p day — £0-5-4
and Often part of a day — — —

John Sherman 2 Days in June & Cart Day	£0-6-0
Eppa Brigham Day in June & Oxen Day	0-3-8
Amos Wait 2 Days	0-5-4
Stephen Prentice 2 Days	0-5-4
Ezekiel Brigham 1/2 Day	0-1-4
Elisha Brigham 1 Day in June	0-2-8
David Stow 1/2 Day	0-1-4
William Holbrook 1 Day Oxen and Cart 1 Day	0-4-4
Eppa Brigham 2 Days Oxen & Cart 1/2 Day	0-8-0
John Sherman 3 Days Cart 1 Day 1/2	0-6-8
Aaron Brigham 3 Days Oxen 1 Day	0-11-0
Ezekiel Brigham 2 Days 1/2 Oxen 1/2	0-5-6
William Holbrook 2 Days 1/2 Oxen & Cart 2 Days 1/2	0-9-2
Simon Brooks 2 Days 1/2	0-5-0
John Willard 1 Day Oxen 1 Day	0-3-0
Ebr Fish 1 Day	0-2-0
Elisha Brigham 1 Day Oxen 1/2 Day	0-2-6
Amos Wait 1 Day & 1/2 Oxen 1/2 Day	0-3-6
Stephen Prentice 1 Day	0-2-0
David Stow 1/2 Day	0-1-0
Sum Total	£4-6-4

Work Done at the High Ways in the year 1759 John Shearman Surveyor

May ye 9 1760 this account Read and Excepted by the Town of Grafton

Ebenezer Cutler Moderator

Abraham Temple	3	£0-8-0
three days more	3	0-6-0
Benja Winchester	1	0-2-8
one more	1	0-2-0
John Gretting	4	0-10-8
Benj Goodenow	5	0-13-4
Oxen and Cart	1	0-1-8
Solomon Stow	2	0-5-4
Natha Warrin	2	0-5-4
Zoraha Warrin	2	0-5-4
Abr Brown	2 & half	0-6-8
Cart one Oxen half Day		0-0-10
Joseph Perry 1 Day and half		0-4-0
Andrew Adams 3 Days & 1/2		0-9-4
Cart & Oxen Day & half		0-2-6
Majr Harrington 2 Days half		0-6-8
Oxen Cart half Day		0-0-10
Ebenezer Brooks 1 Day		0-2-8
Silas Brooks 1 Day		0-2-8
Joseph Stow 1 Day		0-2-8
Joshua Taft 2 Days half		0-6-8
Cart and Oxen 2 Days and a half		0-4-2

Joseph Winchester to 2 Days in June the Sum of — — 0-5-4

Sum Total if — — £6-0-6

the Above Being for Work Done on the High Ways in the year 1759

Joshua Taft

May ye 9 1760 this Read and Excepted By the Town of Grafton

Ebr Cutler Moderator

the Accomp
Ought not to have been Recorded But one
therefore it one of my Mistakes Vin Dauly

Abraham Temple 3-10-8 0
three Days more — 3-0-6 0
Benja Winchester 1 — 1-0-2 8
one more — — 1-0-2-0
John Goulding — 4 0-10-8
Benja Goddard — 5 0-13-4
Gentl Edw one Day — 1 0 5-8
Solomon Stow — 2 0-5-4
Nath[ll] Warin — 2 0 5-8
Abr[m] Brown 2 Day half 0
Capt and Green half Day — 0-0-10
Philip Perry 1 Day half — 0-4-0
Andrew Adams 3 Day half — 0-9-4
Capt Green 1 Day and half — 0-2-6
Nathan Hall 1 Day — 0-2-8
Capt and Green Day half — 0-2-6
Josl Harrington 2 Day & half — 0-6-8
Green and Capt half Day — 0-0-10
Ebenezer Brookes 1 Day — 0-2-8
Peter Brookes 1 Day — 0-2-8
Joseph Stow 1 Day — 0-2-8
Joshua Taft 2 Day half — 0-6-8
Capt Green 2 Day and half — 0-4-2
Joseph Winchester 2 Days — 0-5-4
Total Sum — £6-0-6

the above being for work don at the highways in the year 1759
Joshua Taft

May ye 9 1760 this account Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton
Ebenezer Cutler Moderator

£9

Samuel Chase 2 Days — 0-5-4
John Stow 2 days Green Days — 0-7-0
Eleazer Fletcher 2 Days — 0-5-4
Benjamin Leland 2 Day — 0-5-4
Phinehas Leland 2 July Green days 0-7-4
Joseph Axtell 1 Day — 0-2-8
Robert Leathe 2 Day — 0-5-4
Nath[ll] Prentice 2 Days — 0-5-4
James Leland 2 Days — 0-5-4
John Holbrook 1 Day — 0-2-8
Work Done in June Total — £2-11-8
John Stow 1 Day Green Capt 1 Day — 0-3-8
Robert Leathe half Day — 0-1-0
Benjamin Leland 2 Days — 0-4-0
Phinehas Leland 1 Day Green Day 0-3-0
Nath[ll] Prentice 1 Day and half — 0-3-0
James Leland 1 Day and half Green and Capt — 0-4-8
Mose[l] Holbrook 1 Day — 0-2-0
Done in December Total £1-1-4
1759 By James Leland Surveyor

May ye 9 1760 this Accompt Read and Excepted By the Town of Grafton
Ebenezer Cutler Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Joshua Taft one of the Constables for the Town of Grafton Greeting In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required to Warn all the freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town Qualified according to Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday the fourteenth of this Instant July at five of the Clock in the After noon of said Day to Act on the following Articles viz to Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
to accept of a List for Jury men to Serve on the Petit Jury at the Generall Court to be holden at Worcester Agreable to a late Act of the Great and General Court Hereof fail Not and make Return of your Doings of this Warrant with your Doings Therein before or at the Hour of Meeting
Given under our hands at Grafton July ye 3 1760

Ephraim Sherman
Israel Stevens
John Sherman
Hezekiah Taylor
Joseph Batchelder
Select men for Grafton

Grafton July ye 14 1760 By Virtue of this Warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to Meet According to time and place within mentioned Joshua Taft Constable

Grafton July ye 14 1760 agreeable (88) to the Warrant the freeholders and
Meet at time and place and Notable Inhabitant of said grafton
1 By a vote Choose Mr Abraham Temple Moderator for said meeting
2 put to vote Whether the Town will accept of a list of Jury men to serve
on the Jitte Jurys at the Seneral Courts to be holden at Worcester
agreable to a Late act of the General Court Viz ——
Left Israel Stearns Capt Samuel Wesson Cor Nathaniel Shearman
Capt Noah Brooks Abraham Temple Mark Batchelor Joseph
Whipple Jacob Whipple Joseph Batcheldr Josiah Rawson
Hezekiah Ward David Fowle Hezekiah Taylor James Leland
Esq John Goulding Ephraim Shearman de Joseph Merriam
Nathaniel Stedman John Shearman Joseph Rice
By a vote the Accepts the above named persons
Abraham Temple Hezekiah Ward John Goulding Hezk Taylor
Ephraim Shearman the Town did by a vote Select out and
Accept the above Named persons to be put in to a Neu
Box and to Serve as Jury mens Agreable to a Late act of the
General Court Abraham Temple Moderator for s Meeting
Worcester ss To Mr Abraham Brown Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
In his Majesty Name you are hereby Required to Warn all the freeholders
and other Notable Inhabitents of this Town Qualified according
to Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet and Assemble at the
Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday the Eight Day of September
Next Insuing at two of the Clock in the afternoon on said Day
to act on the following Articles viz
1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To grant the Rev Mr Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary this present year
3 To grant Money to Defray Town Charges that have or may
arise this present year
4 to Accept Town Debt —
Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant With your
Doings Herein Before or At the Hour of Meeting to us
Grafton August ye 22 1760
Eph Shearman
Hezekiah Taylor } Selectmen
John Shearman } for
Joseph Batcheller } Grafton

Pursuant to this Warrant I have Warned the freeholders and
Inhabitents of this Town Qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet
at time and place according to the Warrant ——
Grafton Sept. ye 6. 1760 Abra Brown Constable

raftonSeptemberye8 1760 Agreeable to the Warrant
the freeholders and Notable Inhabitents of Said Grafton Being according
neet at time and place proceeded viz
By a vote Choose Ephraim Shearman Moderator for said meeting
By a vote the Town did grant the Revd Mr Aaron Hidden for
the Sum of Sixty pounds for his Sallary this present year
By a vote the granted the Sum of forty pounds to Defray
Town Charges that have or may Arise this present year
Excepting of the High Ways Debt Ephraim Shearman Moderator
Then they proceded to Accept Town Debt
The Town of Grafton To Eliazer Flagg Dr to Working at the High
Ways in October ye 24 1758 to one Days Work - - - - - Lo-1-6
Septembere ye 8 1760 this Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton
Eliazer Flagg
Ephraim Shearman Moderate
The Town of Grafton Dr to John Shearman to one Day Work & Oxen
at the High Ways in Grafton in the year 1759 the Sum of one Shilling Lo-1-0
Ears Excepte
Septembere ye 8 1760 this Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton
John Shearman
Ephraim Shearman Moderator

Worcester ss To mr Joshua Taft Constable for the Town of Grafton greeting
(Seal) You are hereby Required to Warn all the freeholders and others Notable
Inhabitents of this Town Qualified According to Law to Vote in Town
Affairs to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in said Grafton
on Monday the Twenty fourth day of this Instant November at two of
the Clock in the after Noon on said day to act on the following
Articles viz
to Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
to See if the Town will Grant Money for Mending and Repairing
Roads and High Ways in Grafton this present year
Hereof fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with your
Doings Herein Before or at the Hour of Meeting to us
Grafton Novembere ye 15 1760 Ephraim Shearman } Select
John Shearman } men
Hezekiah Taylor }

Grafton Novembere ye 24 1760 by Virtue of this Warrant I
have Notified the Inhabitents of the Town of Grafton to
Meet According to time and place within Mentioned
Joshua Taft Constable

Grafton November ye 24 1760 (90) Pursuant to the warrent
the freeholders & Inhabitants of said Grafton Being
Accordingly met at time and place proceed as follows
viz
1 Chose Mr Solomon Prentice Moderator for said Meeting
2 Put to vote whether the Town will grant money to pay
for Mending and Repairing the Road and High Ways
this present year and passed in the Affirmative
3 Put to vote whether the Town will Grant one Hundred
and Twenty Pounds to pay for Mending High Ways the
present year and passed in the Negative
At Bye a vote the Town Granted Eighty Pounds Lawfull Mone
to pay for Mending and Repairing the High Ways in
Grafton this present year Solomon Prentice Moderator

To the Selectmen of Grafton Gentlemen These is to notifie you or such of you shall
appoint to meet the Selectmen of Westborough or such others as they shall appoint
on Monday ye 24 day of April Next at the Dwelling House of Mr Joseph Grout
Westborough on on Monday ye 24 day of April Next then to preambulate
Line between said Westborough and Grafton and to Renew the Marks of
the Land Viz Westborough Marks ye 24 1760 by order of the Select Men
for a Bond Town Clerk

To the Selectmen of Grafton Gentlemen ye day that we appointed to
preambulate and Renew ye Bound between ye Town of Westborough
Grafton if ye 21 day of this Instant April By order of ye Select Men
Westborough April ye 15 1760
for a Bond Town Clerk

These may Certifie that We the Subscribers have desired and appointed Capt Ba
Jay and Mr Plinehas Heardy to meet and Join the Select men of Grafton or such o
them as they shall appoint at the House of Mr Joseph Grout in Westborough o
Monday ye 21 day of this Instant April at Eight of the Clock in the fore no
then to preambulate the Line and Renew the Marks Between the Town of W
ough and Grafton as the Land Lyeth By order of the Select men
Westborough April ye 15 1760
for a Bond Town Clerk

These may Certifie that We the Subscribers have meet by order of the Select
of Westborough and by order of the Select men of Grafton and have preambu
the Line Between said Towns and Renewed the Marks as the Land Lyes
April ye 21 1760

Benj Jay for
Plinehas Heardy } Westborou

Hezekiah Taylor for
Timothy Dawley } Grafton

His Committee appointed on the petition of Nehemiah Hall and others And the petition of Antipas Brigham Make Report that having heard the petitions and also the Mother of Joshua Mischo late of Grafton Deceased are of Opinion that the petition first Mentioned be Dismiss'd and that the other of Antipas Brigham be Granted And the Will of the said Joshua in said petition Mention'd Proved approved and of Record in the County of Worcester take Effect be of full force and Efficacy According to the Desire therein And that the said Antipas Brigham According to his Desire in the said petition Do upon the Death of the Widow or Mother of the said Joshua pay into the hands of the Committee of this Court for the Letting out the Indian Moneys the sum of sixty pounds the Interest Whereof to be [illegible] to the Survivors And at her Death sixty pounds More the Interest thereof of Both sums to be Applied to a School Master in Grafton that shall teach the Indian Natives there Dwelling to Read

William Dudley

By order of the Court

In Council December ye 9 1738 Read and ordered that this Report be Accepted Sent Down for Concurrence

Simon Frost Dep Secty

In the House of Representatives December ye 12 1738 Read and Concurred

Jo Quincy Speaker

3 Consented to Belcher

Copy Examined Simon Frost Dept Secretary

The Selectmen of Grafton Gentlemen these are to Informe you that I have sent unto my Dwelling house Alexander Clayton and Sarah his Wife and their next Daughter Named Sarah about seven years old which are poor persons in Last place of their abode was upton and taken into my house the 18th day of this Instant March Grafton March ye 25 1760 Joseph Batchelder

This May Certifie that we the Subscribers Met this first day of May 1760 and Preambulated the Line Between Grafton and upton and Renewed the Bounds

Israel Stevens } for
John Shearmen } Grafton

Ephriam Whitney } for
Abiel Taber } upton

Worcester ss To Mr Abraham Brown (92) Constable for the Town of Grafton Gre
(Gd) In his Majestyes Name you are hereby Required to Warn all the Freehold
and other Notable Inhabitents of this Town Qualified According to Law
Late in Town Affairs to Meet and Assemble at the meeting House in
Grafton on Monday the Second Day of March Next Insuing at Nine
of the Clock in the fore Noon on said Day to act on the follow
Articles viz
1 To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
2 To Chuse Town officers as the Law directs for the year Insuing
3 To See if the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large the year Insui
4 To See How the Town will Order the Scholl the year Insuing and How
they will provide a School Master
5 To See How the Town will Have the Roads and High Ways Mended
the year Insuing
6 To Accept of and Discontinore High Ways
7 To accept of a List of Jury men Agreable to a Late act of Co
8 To heare the Report of the Now present Town Treasoor
9 To See How the Town will proceed as to the Cost that has or may
Arise in Supporting Jonathan Marble of this Town and How they
will Act on said affair
10 to Accept Town Debts
11 To heare the petition of Abraham Temple and others and to act
There on if they See Cause
12 for the Town to Receive one pound one shilling and four pence for
the of the School House the year 1759 of the Select men and How
they will Dispose of it
13 To See if the Town will Cleare and fence the Buring place in Sai
Grafton and How they will Do it
14 To See if the Town will Abate the High Way Rate of Paul Whe
that are Assessed on him in the year 1760
Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant with your
Doings Herein before or att the Hour of meeting to us
Grafton February ye 5th: 1761 Eph[r] Sherman } Select me
Israel Stevens } for the To
Here Taylor } of Grafto
Joseph Batchellor

Pervient to this Warrant I have Warned the Freeholders and
Notable Inhabitents of this Town to Meet and Assemble at Tim
and place Agreable to this Warrant Abr Brown Constable
Grafton March 2: 1761

At a Town meeting of the freeholders and Notable Inhabitants of Grafton
Legally Warned and Assembled at the Meeting House in Grafton
on Monday ye 2 day of March A.D. 1765 at Nine of the Clock in the
forenoon proceeded viz
By a vote Choose Mr Solomon Prentice Moderator for ye meeting
Voted to Chuse three Wardens for the year ensuing
By a vote Choose Deacn Abner Stow warden
By a vote Choose Joseph Perry and By a vote Dismist Joseph Perry
By a vote Choose Mr Joseph Willard warden
By a vote Choose Abr. Brown Warden for ye Currant year
Voted to Chuse five Select men for the Currant year
By a vote Choose Capt Thomas Drury
By a Vote Choose John Sherman
By a vote Choose Ebenezer Cotter
By a vote Choose Capt Noah Brooks
By a vote Choose Mr Jno Darling Refused to serve
} Select Men
By a vote Adjourned their Meeting for one Hour to the Meeting
House in ye Grafton Solomon Prentice Moderator
By Adjournment Meet Again at Time and place Proceed
By a vote Choose Jno Darling Town Clerk for the Currant year
By a vote Choose Joseph Merriam Town Treasurer for ye Currant year
By a vote Choose Thomas Drury Jr Constable ~~North North Side of ye Town~~
By a Vote Choose Hezekiah Taylor Constable for ye South Side of ye Ta
Hezr Taylor Refused to serve Constable
By a vote Dismist Hezr Taylor from serving Constable ye present year
Voted to Chuse three Assessors for the Currant year
By a vote Choose Capt Samuel Warrin
By a vote Choose Deacn Abner Stow
By a vote Choose Mr Benjamin Willard
} Assessors
~~By a vote Choose Hezekiah Taylor Constable~~
By a Vote Choose Mr Solomon Prentice Constable and Dismist him
By a Vote for the present year
By a vote Choose Nathll Flagg Constable for ye year ensuing
By a vote Dismist Nathll Flagg from serving Constable ye Currant year
Voted to Chuse Two Tything Men for ye Currant year
By a vote Choose Mr Nathl Sherman
By a vote Choose Joel Brooks
} Tything men

Voted to Chose five Surveyors of Highways for the Corrent year
By a vote Chose Seth Miller Dismist from serving By a vote
By a vote Chose Mosh Hearrington
By a vote Chose Jacob Whipple
By a vote Chose Nath[a]ll Cooper Dismiss By a vote
By a vote Chose Simon Brooks
By a vote Chose Dr Joseph Merriam
By a vote Chose Josiah Lyon
} Surveyors of Highways for the Corrent year

Voted to Chose Seven Hogriefs
By a vote Chose Jonathan Hall
By a vote Chose Isaac Hearrington
By a vote Chose Elisha Rice jr
By a vote Chose Amos Wait
By a vote Chose Nathaniel Hudson
By a vote Chose John Holbrook
By a vote Chose Elisha Prall
} Hog Riefs for ye Corrant year

By a Vote Chose David Herrington
By a vote Chose Hezekiah Ward
} five Wards for the Corrant year

By a vote Chose Left Elisha Leland
By a vote Chose Capt Noah Brooks
} Deer Reefs for ye Corrant year

By a vote Chose Abraham Temple
By a Vote Chose Conover Tader
} Fence Viewers for the Corrent year

By a Vote Chose Solomon Stow
By a Vote Chose James Leland jr
} Hay Wards or field Viewers for the Corrant year

By a Vote Chose Ephriam Lyon
} Sealer of Leather for the Corrent year

Put to vote Whether the Town Will Let the Swine Run at Large the Corrent year and Passed in the Affirmative

Voted to have a Moving School this year
Voted to it Kept in five parts of the Town
Voted to Chose a School Committee
By a vote Chose Cor Nath[a]ll Sherman
By a Vote Chose Cr John Gooding
By a Vote Chose Benj[a] Thorston
By a Vote Chose Left Elisha Leland
By a Vote Chose Aaron Brigham
} A School Committee

By a Vote Left the Affair of the School with the Committee Also Chosen and to provide a School Master

Also

Voted To have the Road and High Ways Mended and Keept in
Repair this year By a Rate as it Was Last year
By a Vote the Town Accepted of Ebenezer Cotten to Serve
Constable in the Room and place of thomas Drury for the Com
year
By a Vote Adjourned their Meeting to the 3d Day of March Current at ten
of the Clock in the fore Noon to the Meeting House in said Grafton
March ye 3. 1761 By Adjournment Met Again at time and place proceeded
To Accept Town Debts
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Discontinove the Road Leadin
from Capt Noah Brookes to Ebr Cotten and it Passed in the Affirmativ
By a Vote Choose Benjamin Thurston Select man
By a Vote Choose Josiah Lyon Surveyor of High Ways
By a Vote Adjd their meeting for one Hour to the Meeting
House in Grafton
Solomon Prentice Moderator
By Adjournment Mett Again at time and place proceeded viz
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Support the Town Treasur in
Proceeding According to the Direction of the Province Law in the
Case of Admision of Town Dwellers in the Affair Under ——
Consideration viz the Case of Supporting Jonathan Marble and
Passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Chose a Committee with the
Town Treasur to Attempt and Endeavour an Accomodation with
Mr Dunckal Rice with Respect to Supporting Mr Jonathan Marble
otherwise to be Aiding to the said Treasur to Prosecute the
Affair to Effect Voted in the Affirmative
Voted to Chose Two Men for said Committee
By a Vote Chose Ephriam Sherman
By a Vote Chose John Goulding } Committee
Voted to act on the Petition of Abra Temple and others
then By a Vote Dismist the Above Petition
Voted to Recive one Pound one Shilling and four pence of the Selectmen
of Grafton for the year 1760 Arizing for the Use of the School House
in the year 1759 and order the same in to the Town Treasur to
Defray Town Charges
Voted to Accept Cor Nathaniel Sherman's Generous Offer viz
that if the Town would Allow him the Improvement of the Burying
Place in Grafton and Allow him to Include it within his Inclosure
he would at his own Cost Erect a Stone Wall on the Road Side
of s Burying Place to the Acceptence of the Selectmen
Provided the Town Would Set up and Maintain Gate or Bars
into the Same

also

Pot to Vote Whither the Town Would Abate the Highway Rate of Paul Wheelock Assesed upon him in the year 1760 passed in the Negative

Then the Meeting by a Vote Was Adjourned to monday ye 18th Day of May Next at two o Clock pm to the Meeting house in Grafton

Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton To Ezekiel Brigham Surveyor of High Ways Debter to Work done in the Town of grafton in the year 1760 the Sum of

and to one Hundred and Eighty five feet of plank	£6	1 8
and to two men to help lay Each	0	11 0
	0	2 0

Ezekiel Brigham

Errors Excepted

March ye 3d 1761 this Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton

Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton To Coll Nathaniel Sherman Surveyor of High ways Debter to Work done in Mending the Highways in Said Grafton in the year 1760 the Sum total of £7 6 2

Errors Excepted

Nathaniel Sherman

March ye 3d 1761 this Read and Accepted by the Town of grafton

Attt Solomon prentice Moder

The Town of Grafton to Andrew Adams Surveyor of High Ways Debter to Worke done in mending the High ways in Grafton in the year 1760 Sum total is £4 14 3

Errors Excepted

Azr and Adams

March ye 3 1761 this Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton

Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton to peter Brooks Surveyor of High Ways Debter to Work done in mending the High ways in grafton in the year 1760 the Sum Total is £9 18 2

Errors Excepted

Peter Brooks Surveyor of High Ways

March ye 3 1761 this Read and Excepted by the Town of grafton

Attt Solomon prentice Moder

The Town of Grafton to Ebenezer Fadler Surveyor of High Ways Debter to Worke done in mending the High ways in Grafton in the year 1760 the Sum Total is £3 14 0

Errors Excepted

Ebenezer Fadler Surveyor

March ye 3 1761 this Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton

Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton to Jacob Stevens Surveyor of High Ways Debter to Worke done in Mending High ways in Grafton in the year 1760 the Sum of total is £7 17 2

Errors Excepted

Jacob Stevens Surveyor of High Ways

March ye 3 1761 this Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton

Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton To Samuel Chase Surveyor of High Ways Debtor
To Worke Don in Grafton in the year 1760 in Mending the Roads and
Building the Brige over the Little River (so called) the
Som total is — — — — — — — £37-7-8
Cast Excepted — — — — — — —
Samuel Chase Surveyor
March ye 3: 1761 this Account Read and Accepted by the Town of
Grafton
Attest Solomon Prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton To Joseph Willard Jur Surveyor of High Ways Debtor
to Worke Don in Mending the High Ways in Grafton in the year 1759
the Som total is — — — — — — — £8-4-4
Cast Excepted Joseph Willard Jur Surveyor of High Ways for ye year 1759
March ye 3: 1761 this Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton
Attest Solomon Prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to providing the Town School in the past year
ten weeks at four shilling per week — £2-0-0
and to Boarding said School Mistress said ten weeks — £1-4-0
Grafton March ye 2 1761
Joseph Willard Jur
March ye 3 1761 then Read and Accepted the Sum of £3-4-0-0
on this Jur the Town of Grafton Attest Solomon Prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to providing the Town School for the year past
On the West Side of the Town ten Weeks at Six shillings and Eight
pence per Week — — — — — £3-6-8
and to Boarding said School Master said ten Weeks at three
shillings and four pence per Week — — — £1-13-4
Grafton March ye 2 1761 total — — — — £5-0-0

March ye 3 1761 this Read and Ezekiel Brigham
Accepted By the Town of Grafton Attest Solomon Prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to me to two Hundred and Sixty five feet
of plank to Cover the Bridge By Capt Thos Drury in the year
1759 at Nine shillings £0-9-0 Grafton March ye 2 1761
Joseph Willard Jur Surveyor of High Ways
March ye 3 1761 this Read and Accepted By the Town of Grafton
Attest Solomon Prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to me to preambulating the Line and Renewing
the Bounds Between the Town of Grafton and the Town of Upton in
the year 1760. to one day at — — — — £0-2-8
Israel Stevens
March ye 3 1761 this Read and Accepted Pr the Town of Grafton
Attest Solomon Prentice Moderator

Grafton March ye 2d 1761 the Town of Grafton to Hezekiah Taylor Dr
to nine days time an half of work for all Making Rail in the year 1760
at two shillings pr day total ——— £0-19-
For preambulating the Line Between Westborough and Grafton 0-1-6
Hezekiah Taylor
And also to Jno Dowling for preambulating the Line between said Westborough
and Grafton ——— £0-1-6
March ye 3 1761 this Read and Accepted pr the Town of Grafton
Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to me for Keeping the Fire and Sweeping the
Meeting House the year past the sum of ——— £0-12-0
Grafton March ye 3 1761 Exd Accepted Nathaniel Sherman ———
This Read and Accepted March ye 3 1761 by the Town of Grafton
Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to me to providing a School master to keep the
Town School ten Weeks in the Easterly part of the Town of Grafton
for the year 1760 at one pound six shilling and Eight pence for one
Month and the Remainder of ten Weeks viz six Weeks at six shilling
pr Week one pound sixteen shilling ——— £1-6-8
1-18-0
To Boarding said School master £1-13-4
ten Weeks at three shillings & four pence per Week
March ye 3 1761 This Read and Accepted by the total is £4-16-0
Town of Grafton Attst Solomon Prentice Mod Joseph Merriam ———

The Town of Grafton Dr to me to providing a School Master to keep the Town
School in the southerly part of said Town for the year 1760 sixteen Weeks
at four shilling pr Week ——— £3-4-0
to Boarding said School Master sixteen Weeks at two shilling and Eight pence
pr Week ——— £2-2-4
Grafton March ye 2 1761 Eph Sherman total is ——— £5-6-4
March ye 3 1761. Read and accepted the sum of £5-2-0-3 on this acct
by the Town of Grafton ——— Attst Solomon Prentice Mod

The Town of Grafton Dr to providing the Town School in the Middle of the Town thirteen
Weeks at four shilling pr Week ——— £2-12-0
And to Boarding said School Mistress said thirteen Weeks at 0-2-8 per week
Grafton March ye 2 1761 sum total £4-6-8 pr Nathll Sherman ——— £1-14-8
Mar ye 3 1761 Read and accepted the sum of £4-1-10-2 by the Town of Grafton
Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to me to preambulating the Line and Renoving the
Bound Between the Town of Grafton and Upton in the year 1760 ———
to one day ——— 2s ——— £0-2-8
John Sherman
March ye 3 1761 this Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton
Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to Gording the Town School in the East end three weeks and two Day at Capt Brooks at six shilling per week — £1-0-0
and to Bording the School master said three weeks and two Day at at three shillings and four pence pr week — £0-11-1
total — £1-11-1

this Read and Accepted March ye 3d 1761 by the Town of Grafton
Attst Solomon Prentice moderator
Joseph Willard Jr

Grafton March ye 2d 1761 the Town of Grafton to John Gording Dr to ten Days Work Done at making Ratt in the year 1760 at two shillings pr Day total £1 — £1-0-0

John Gording

March ye 3d 1761 this Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton
Attst Solomon Prentice moderator

Voted to Reept a Gon Lift to Lemuel Bemis on the petty Jurey Agreable to a Late act of Court viz Benja Thurston Left Quindus Leland Benja Leland Josel Whipple By a vote these persons Accepted by the Town of Grafton agreable to said act of Court Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator
March ye 3d 1761

By a vote Selected out Benja Thurston for the Superior Court

Grafton February ye 16: 1761 Laid out a High way Leading from Worcester to Grafton Beginning at Sutton Line at the Corner Between Benja Grobert and Grivers a White oak Sake Marked from thence a Croft to Grovers field on the South side of his House to a poplar Stake marked then veering to a small pitch pine marked on the Brow of the Hill from thence to a White oak Stake Marked on the Land of Paul Wheelocks from thence to a Large Rock on the Hill Northeast of D Wheelocks House from thence up the Hill to a small black oak marked from thence to a white oak tree marked then to a Black oak tree marked then to a nother Black oak tree marked from thence a Croft the Land of Charles Brigham and Nathaniel Sherman to a Black oak tree marked high the north west Corner of Gipsin Hord pasture from thence on said Hord Land to a Stake and Stones in the Line Between said Hord Land and John Maynards from thence to a walnut tree marked by the wall By said Maynards old Cellar from thence East of D Maynards Cow yard at the East End of his Barn from thence to a Stake Marked By the Wall in the Road that goes By D maynards House then as the way is now Good Till it Comes to the Road that is Laid out and Accepted by Charles Brigham old House the Bone mentioned Bounds are all on the North East side of the High way and the Bone mentioned Road is Two Rods wide provided of the select men Hezekiah Taylor
John Sherman

March ye 3d 1761 Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton provided Paul Wheelock Gives the Road thro his Land
Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator

March ye 3d 1761 Then By a vote the meeting by a vote was Adjourned to Monday ye 18 day of May next at 2 Clock Pm to the Meeting House in Grafton
Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator

Grafton May ye 1st 1765 the freeholders and Votable Person of ye Grafton
By Adjournment from the 3d day of March Last to this day at two of the
Clock in the after noon Being Mett at the Meeting House in Grafton
proceeded Viz the Town Voted to Chose Another man to Serve Constable
for the present year
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Reconsider their Vote in Voting to
Chose a nother Man to Serve Constable and it passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Allow two Shillings and Eight pence
pr day for Labor don on the High Ways for a man from and till the Last
of September and one Shilling pr day for a pare of oxen and Eight pence
pr day for a Cart and Voted in the Affirmative
Put to Vote whether he that Works out more at the High Ways
then his high way Rate within the year
the over plus to Lie as Credit for him for the next year
passed in ye Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Reconsider their Vote that
was past in March ye 3 in Discontinuing the Road Leading
from Capt Noah Brooks to the Cotten and passed in the Affirmative
Then the Meeting was by a Vote adjourned to the 20 Instant at three
the Clock in the after noon then to Mett att this place
Attst Solomon prentice Moderator

May ye 20 1765 By Adjournment from the 1st day of this Instant Mett
again at time and place proceeded
Put to vote Whether the Town will Chose a nother Constable for ye
present year for the South side of the Town and passed in the Affirmative
By a Vote Chose Benja Leland Constable
then Put to Vote whether the Town will Accept of Mr Phinehas
Rice his Respect of Supporting Jonathan Marble which was
Eight pounds passed in the Negative
after ward on Reflection Mr Phinehas Rice offered
thirteen pounds six shillings and Eight pence upon
which it was again put to Vote Whether the Town
would Accept there of and Discharge said Mr Rice
from Any further Charge Relating to Supporting
Jonathan Marble only as a member of the Town and
it passed in the Affirmative Very Generally
Attst Solomon prentice Moderator for ye Meeting
Upon which the Meeting was Dissolved
Attst Solomon prentice Moderator

... after a Vote was Passed in the Town of Grafton a Number of
... Freeholders Came & Entered their Dessent Viz Jacob Heard Esqr
... Nathaniel Chamberlain Esqr Nathaniel Sherman Jacob Heard Junr
Nathaniel Sherman Junr
Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator for ye Meeting

Grafton May ye 25: 1761 then ye subscriber on behalf of the Town of Grafton and for the Use and Benifit of said Town Recived of Mr Phinehas Rice of Grafton the full sum of Thirteen pounds fix shillings and Eight pence offered by said Phinehas Rice to the Town of Grafton at a Legal Meeting the Twentyth instant and Accepted by the Town at said Meeting so as to Discharge the said Phinehas Rice from any further Charge for the support of Jonathan Marble Except of a member of the Town I say Recived of above Thirteen pounds fix shillings and Eight pence pr

Joseph Miriam Town Treasor

We the subscribers Having Mett with Mr Joseph Rice the Nord present Town Treasor and Reckoned with ye Treasor and we find by the last Reckoning bearing Date February ye 25 1760 there was Remaining in the Treasor the sum of one Hundred thirty three pounds Eight shillings ten pence and three Farthings & also three pounds paid in by Mr Eber Brooks former Treasor and we find one Hundred and Eighty pounds ordred in granted by the Inhabitants of this Town 1760 which sums Amount to three Hundred fifteen pounds Eight shillings ten pence three farthings and we find by his Receipt that he hath paid out the sum of one Hundred twenty one pound Eleven shillings one farthing — — —

We the subscribers Have mett with Mr Joseph Rice the former Treasor and he hath Delivered up his orders Both what was ordred in and what was paid out and upon Examining all of them we find Rad in the Treasor one Hundred Eighty six pound thirteen Shillings three pence that is not paid out of the Treasor also a veriage in the Hands of Cor Nathaniel Sherman former Constable un settled ——

Whereupon Mr Joseph Rice former or Late Treasor has Delivered up the Town papers unto us the subscribers and we have committed them to the Care and Conduct of Mr Joseph Meriam the present Treasor and hereby we Discharge Mr Joseph Rice the former Treasor from the Town of Grafton Making Any further Demands upon him as Treasor Grafton March ye 30 1761

Thomas Drury
Benjamin Thurston
John Sherman
Ebenezer Cutler
Noah Brooks
Select men for the Town of Grafton

Joseph Rice Late Town Treasor

March ye 20 1761 this Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton

Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator

Received of the select men of the Town of Grafton by the hand of Mr Benjamin Thurston the sum of one Hundred Eighty six pound thirteen Shillings and three pence it being £10-11-10 1/2 tenth in the hands of Mr William Halbrook and Mr David Harrington Late Constables to pay in to the Treasor and also 175-16-11 1/2 in the hands of Mr Abraham Brown and Mr Joshua Taft Late Constable to pay in to the Treasor Besides a veriage in the Hands of Cor Nathaniel Sherman former Constable unsettled which was Removed from Mr Joseph Rice Late Treasor to me

Joseph Meriam Town Treasor

Grafton March ye 31 1761

Laid out a High Way in Grafton begining att a White oak at the East Corner of Mr John Maynards Garden thence Runing Westerly of Mr Maynards Barn near the Brow of the Hill to a Stake and Heap of Stones at the Northerly End of his Orchard thence Strait a Cross his Mowing Land to a White Oak stand on Uppergan Herds Land thence according as the Select men had bene to Lane marked it untell it Come to a Large Rock with stones on it Near Paul Wheelocks House thence to a pine Stand marked on Mr Wheelocks Land near Young Grouers Land thence Runing to a stake and Heap of Stones on the Northerly Sid of the Road on Mr Grouers Land Lane thence to a great Rock on Mr Grouers Land near his field thence Between said Grouers and Elisha Brigham Moors to a Little Black oak Stand near Sutton Line ——

Ferio Road if two Rods Wide of the Select men —

Grafton May ye 18: 1761 per order
of Thomas Drury
Noah Brooks
} Select men of Grafton

May ye 18: 1761 this Road and accepted by the Town of Grafton in Lieu of that way Read and accepted by the Town March 3: 1761
attst Solomon prentice Moderator

Laid out a High way Between Mr Solomon prentice and Robert Latts of Lollaxeth Beginning at a pine Stake and stons about it on the Easterly side of said Way and Running Southerly Near as the Fence Runs to a Swamp White oake tree on the same side of the Way from thence we apprehend it Expedient said Way Continue a Cross the Slough where as the Fence Runs Untill it Comes Neare the Door of the House where Nathll Foster Prentice Now Dwells said Way if two Rods Wide Where the Road is Now Trod

Per order of Thomas Drury, Noah Brooks, Ye Select men of Grafton

Grafton May ye 18 1761

May ye 18 1761 on the Aforesaid Act of March meeting. Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton. Upon the provisa of Mr Solomon prentice Given the Land for to Road through his Land
attst Solomon prentice Moderator

To The Town of Grafton Dr to Making Ratt ten days at two shillings pr day in the year 1760 — £1—0—0

Grafton March ye 3d 1761 Benja Willard

May ye 20 1761. Read and Accepted attst Solomon prentice Moderator

From the 2d day of March A.D. 1761 to hear what acted in March meeting and on ye Aforenamed

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenezer Cutler Constable for the Town of Grafton — Greeting
you are hereby Required in his Majestys Name to Notifie and Warn all the freeholders and Lotted Voteable Inhabitents of said Grafton Qualified according to Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet and Assemble at the meeting House in s Grafton on Wednesday the Twentieth day of this Instant May at Two of the Clock in the afternoon on to Doe to act on the following articles

1 To Chuse a moderator for s meeting

2 To heare the Report of the Select men Reconing with Joseph Rice Late Town Treasurer and Moving ye Town Papers and Treasury to Deacon Joseph Merriam and to accept there of if the Town See Cause

3 To heare the Report of ye Comtee that was Choosen by the Town to Accommodate affairs with Mr Phinehas Rice Respecting the Cost that has or may Arise to the Town by the Suppoening Jonathan Nable and to act thereon if they See Cause

4 to heare the Report of a Comtee Choosen by the Town to Receive the Money that was Due to the Town of Grafton out of the Estate of ye Mischo and to Dispose of said Money as they See Cause

5 to heare the Petition of Eleazer Flagg &c and others and to Act there on if they See Cause

6 to heare the petition of Joseph Whipple and Edw Wheelor and Robert Latte and to act thereon if they See Cause

7 to heare the petition of Andrew Adams and others and to Act there on if they See Cause

8 to See if the Town will Abate the Ratt of John Wesson and Reay a Granery or Any part there of that was Assised on them in the year 1760 — — — — — — Town over

tion of said Not Find Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings Hereon
At or before the Hour of Meeting to the Select men
Worcester If pursuant to the within Warrant I have for
Notified and Warned the freeholders and Grafton
Inhabitants of ye Grafton to Meet at time and
place within Mentioned
Grafton May ye 20 1765 Ebenezer Cutler Constable

Grafton May ye 20 1765 At 2 o'clock in the afternoon Agreeable to the Warrant the freeholders and Notable Inhabitants
of said Grafton being met proceeded as follows
1 By a Vote Choose Mr Solomon Prentice Moderator for said meeting
2 Voted to pass the third article in the Warrant Relating to the Committee Chosen
in March meeting Last Respecting the supporting of [illegible] Marble
and to act on it in the other meeting which has Been [illegible] from March
to this Day
3 Voted that the Committee Choosen to Recive the money Due to the Town of Grafton
out of the Estate of Mr Chos that ye Committie shall pay said money in to the
Town Treasurer of Grafton for the Use of said Town and for said
Town Treasurer to give Receipt for the same
4 Voted to Seat the meeting House in said Grafton
Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men
Choose Eph[r] Sherman
Choose Joseph Merriam and Respd
Choose Hez[h] Taylor
Choose John Goulding
Choose Andrew Adams
Choose Aft[r] Temple
Choose Silas Wawin
Committee to Seat the meeting House in said Grafton

Voted for ye Committee in Seating the meeting House should proceed and Seat it
According to Estate and Age and the last years Invoice or Valuation

Then put to Vote whether the Town will abate the Ratt of John Wesson or any part
thereof Assessed on him in the year 1760 and passed in the Negative
Put to Vote whether the Town Will abate the Ratt of Benjamin Goodell for the
year 1760 and passed in the Affirmative
Then put to Vote whether the Town will abate the Ratt Assessed on John
Wesson in the School and High Way Ratt for the year 1760
passed in the Affirmative
Attest Solomon Prentice Moderator

Grafton September ye 4th 1765 then Recived of Mr Hezekiah Taylor and
Mr Ephriam Sherman Committee for the Town of Grafton the Sum of
Eighteen pounds ten pence one farthing, which was Due to the Town
of Grafton att the Death of Christian and Deborah Mischo
I Say Recived by me Joseph Merriam Town Treasurer

Entred at the Desire of Mr Hezekiah Taylor Jr Timo Darling Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Mr Benj[a] Leland Constable for the Town of Grafton
Greeting —
In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required to warn all the freeholders and other Votable Inhabitents of this Town Qualified according to Law to Vote in Town affairs to Meet and Assemble at the meeting House in said Grafton on Friday the fourth day of September next at two of the Clock in the afternoon on said day to act on the following Artictes Viz
1 To Chuse a moderator for said Meeting
2 for the Town to grant the Rd Mr Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary for the present yeare
3 for the Town to grant money to pay Town Charges that have or may arise in said Town
4 for the Town to grant Money to pay for Mending High Ways in said Town the present year
5 To See How the Town will support Jonathan marble of this Town the present year and to act there on
6 To Hear the petition of Jonathan Stow John Batcheller and others and to act there on what the Town See Cause
7 To Accept Town Debts
Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant With your doings Herein before or at the Hour of meeting to us or Some one of us
Grafton August y[e] 24: 1765

Thomas Drury
John Sherman
Noah Brooks
Ebenezer Cutler
Benjamin Thurston
} Select men for the Town of Grafton

Worcester ss September y[e] 4th 1765
I have warned the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton to Meet at time and place as within mentioned per Benjamin Leland Constable
Grafton September y[e] 4: 1765 the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton Being met at time and place Agreable to the Warrant proceeded
1 By a Vote chose nathaniel Sherman Moderator for said meeting
2 Then put to Vote whether the Town will Grant the Rd Mr Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary the present year and passed in the Affairmative
Voted to grant Money to pay Town Debts
By a Vote granted forty pounds to pay Town Charges the present year
Voted to grant money to pay for Mending high Ways the present year
By a Vote granted fifty pounds to pay for mending High Ways the present year
Then put to Vote Whether the Town will Grant Money Severally by it Self Exclusive of the other Town Grant for the Support of Jonathan Marble and passed in the negative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Leave the affair of supporting Jonathan Marble of this Town With the Select men the present year and have them support him the said marble the present year and it passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Grant the petition of Jonathan Stow John Batcheller Samuel Clagg Jonathan Wheelor and Give them Liberty to Build a pew in the meeting House over the Men Stairs

and to be Under the Inspection of a Committee the Town shall Chuse so that they do not Infringe or nor Hinder the Way of people passing up and Down said Stairs

By a Vote Choose Capt Samuel Wamin
By a Vote Choose Capt Thomas Drury
By a Vote Choose Jen Joseph Meriam
} Committee

Then Proceeded to accept Town Debts for the supporting Jonathan Marble
By a Vote allowed to Messrs Ephraim Sherman Hezekiah Taylor John Sherman
Joseph Batchelder and Jrudel Stevens their account for supporting Jonathan
Marble the Last Winter the sum Total is ———— £3-9-4
and Board Date February ye 26: 1761

By a Vote Granted and Allowed to Capt Thomas Drury John Sherman Ebenr
Cutter Noah Brooks and Reng Thurston the sum of their account for supporting
Jonathan marble the sum of Six pound seven shilling and ten pence £6-7-10
as Vide Board Date September ye 4: 1761

The Town of Grafton to Ephr Sherman Dr to one journey to Worcester to Lay
up the money that was due to the Town from the Estate of Joshua Mischos
three shillings to time at Boston Searching the Records one shilling to one
Journey to Marlborough three shillings To time and money Expended in the
Case Relating to Mr Plinehas Rice Six shillings sum total thirteen shillings £0-13-0
Grafton September ye 4 1761
Ephr Sherman

grafton September ye 4: 1761 this Read and accepted by the Town Nath[ll] Sherman Moder
The Town of Grafton to Joseph Meriam Dr to four shillings Cash paid in the Case
Relating to Mr Plinehas Rice Grafton September ye 4 1761 Joseph Meriam
September ye 4 1761 this Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton Nath[ll] Sherman Moderator

The Town of Grafton to John Gouding Dr to Cash four shillings paid in the Case
Relating to Mr Plinehas Rice Jr
John Gouding
Grafton September ye 1: 1761 tootal 0-4-0
September ye 4 1761 this Read and Accepted to the Town of Grafton Nath[ll] Sherman Mo

The Town of Grafton Dr to me for one journey to Marlborough for the Indian
Money for the Town the sum of three shillings Sept[r] ye 4: 1761 Hezekiah Taylo
September ye 4 1761 this Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton Nath[ll] Sherman Mo
Then the Meeting was Dissolved
Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenezer Cutter Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
(Seal) In his Majestys Name you are Hereby Required to Warn or Notifie all the
Freeholders and other Votable Inhabitents of this Town Qualified According to
Law to Vote in Town affairs to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in Said
Grafton on Wednesday the Twenty Eight day of October Currant at two of the
Clock in the afternoon on said Day to act on the following Articles Viz
1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 for the Town to grant Money to pay Town Debts that have or may Arise in Town
3 for the Town to Accept Town Debts
Here of fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings Thereon
before or at the Hour of Meeting to us or some one of Us Grafton October ye 12: 1761

Thomas Drury
Reng Thurston
Noah Brooks
John Sherman
} Select men for the Town of Grafton

Worcester ss Pursuant to this Warrant I have Warned the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton to Meet at time and place of Within Mentioned By Ebenezer Cutter Constable
Grafton October ye 28: 1761

Grafton October ye 28 1761 at two of the Clock in the after Noon at the Meeting House in Ds Grafton the freeholders and Notable Inhabitents of said Grafton Being Mett Agreable to the Warrant proceeded Viz

1 By a Vote Chose Mr Solomon Prentice Moderator for said Meeting

2 Put to Vote Whether the Town will Grant Money to pay Town Debts that have or May Arise in said Town and passed in the Affirmative

3 Put to Vote Whether the Town will grant Twenty Pounds to pay Town Debts that have or may Arise in said Town and passed in the Affirmative

4 Put to Vote Whether the Town will Allow to the Assessors the Sum of three Shillings pr day for Each Assessor for taking a new Valuation for the Town of Grafton Last Spring and passed in the Affirmative

5 Mr John Goulding one of said Assessors Being present Put to Vote Whether the Town will Allow him three Shillings pr day for taking the new Valuation for Grafton Last Spring with the Addition of Six Shilling Each and passed in the Negative then put to Vote again Whether the Town will allow to Esqr John Goulding three Shillings pr day for taking the new Valuation Last Spring and passed in the Affirmative

The Town of Grafton Dr for Assisting in taking the New Valuation of the Real and personal Estate Agreable to the Late act of the general Court to ten Days and one Quarter at three Shillings pr Day ——— £1 10 9

Grafton June ye 1 1761 Attst Benja Willard an Assessor

October ye 28 1761 this Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator

The Account of What I have Done for Jonathan Marble By order of the Select men in two Visits and Restoratives and Biter Cortick

June total it ——— £0 6 8

Grafton October ye 28 1761 ——— Timothy Darling

October ye 28 1761 this Account Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator

then the Meeting was Dissolved Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator

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Uxbridge April ye 3 1761 this Day We the Subscribers Mett the Select men of Grafton and have preambulated and Renewed the Bounds Between Grafton and Uxbridge ——— Peter Adolph } Select men
Hezekiah Hall } of Uxbridge

Worcester ss To Mr Benja Leland Constable for the Town of Grafton — Greeting You are hereby Required in his Majesty Name to Warn or Notifie all the freeholders and other Notable Inhabitents in the South side of said Grafton Viz Beginning at Deacn Joseph Merians and at the Road Leads from D Merians by Mr Solomon Prentices to Charles Brigham Esqr and all Notable persons on said Road to Mett and Assemble at the Meeting House in D Grafton on Monday the Eleventh Day of this Instant January at one of the Clock in the after Noon to act on the following Articles

1st To Chuse a Moderator for D Meeting

2 To See What the Town will do with Lydia Adams and How they will Support her and to act there on in Any Way and Manner the Town shall think Proper

3 To See What the Town will Do with (108) Mary Mash and How they will Suppo[rt]
her and to act there on in Any Way and Manner the Town Shall th[ink]
proper
4 To hear the Copy of a petition of Abraham Temples sent to ye Town fr[om]
the Quarter Sessions and to act there on what the Town think proper
Here of fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with your Doing
Herein to us or Some one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting
Grafton January ye 4th 1762

Thomas Drury
John Sherman
Eben[r] Cutter
Noah Brooks
} Select Men for Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton Jan[y] 11: 1762 By Virtue of the within Warrant
I have Notified or Warned all the Voteable Inhabitents of this Town
within the Limitt there in Set to Meet at time and place within
Mentioned
pr Benj[a] Leland } Constable

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenezer Cutter Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
(1) You are hereby Required in his Majestys Name to Warn or Notify all the
freeholders and other Voteable Inhabitents in the North Side of ye Grafton
Viz: Beginning at Dea[n] Joseph Merians and as the Road Leads by Mr Solomon Prentis
to Charles Brigham Esqr to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in
Grafton on Monday the Eleventh day of this Instant January at one
of the Clock in the After noon to act on the following Articles
1 To Chuse a Moderator for ye Meeting
2 To See What the Town will do with Lydia Adams and How they will Suppo[rt]
her and to act there on in Any Way or Manner the Town shall think
proper
3 To See What the Town will do with Mary Mash and How they will Support
her and to act there on in Any Way and Manner the Town Shall think
proper
4 To hear the the Copy of a petition of Abraham Temples sent to ye Town
from the Quarter Sessions and to act there on what the Town think
proper
Here of fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings
Herein to us or Som one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting
Grafton Jan[y] ye 4th 1762

Thomas Drury
John Sherman
Noah Brook
} Select Men for Grafton

Grafton Jan[y] 11th 1762 in Obedience of this Warrant I have Notified all
the Voteable Inhabitents of this Town that are in the List of Voters
for the year Past that are in My District to Meet at time and place
pr Ebenezer Cutter } Constable

Grafton January y 11th 1762 (109) the Freeholders and Notable Inhabitents of Sd Grafton Met at Time and Place Agreable to the Warrant proceeded Viz:

1 By a Vote Choose Mr Solomon Prentice Moderator for said Meeting
2 By a Vote Dismist the Second Article in the Warrant Relating to Lydia Adams
3 By a Vote Dismiss the third article in the Warrant Relating to Mary Mash
4 By a Vote Chose Cornt Nathaniel Sherman Hezekiah Ward and Charles Brigham Esqr a Committee to Search the Proprietors Records in the affair of the petition of Abraham Temply and to Endeavour and accomplish if they Can a full And final Settlement of said affair with Mr Temple then the Meeting Dismissed

Attst Solomon Prentice Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Benjamin Leland Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
In His Majestys Name You are hereby Required to Warn all the freeholders and other Notable Inhabitents of said Grafton Qualifyed According to Law to Vote in Town affairs to Met and Assemble at the Meeting House in said Grafton On Monday the first day of March Next at Nine of the Clock in the fore noon on said Day to act on the following Articles Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting
2 To Chuse Town officers for the year Ensuing as the Law Directs
3 To See if the Town Will Let the horned Cattle Run at Large the year Ensuing
4 To See How the Town Will Order the School the year Ensuing and How they Will Provide a School Master
5 for the Town to Propose by a Vote How the Roads and High Ways Shall be Mended and Kept in Repair the year Ensuing
6 for the Town to Propose by a Vote What they Will allow a man per Day and Cart per Day for Labour and Apair of Oxen [redacted] in Mending and Keeping in Repair the High Ways and Roads in Grafton the year Ensuing in Repair
7 for the Town to accept of and Discontinue High Ways in Sd Grafton
8 To Hear the Report of the now present Town Treasurer
9 To accept of a List of Jury men Agreable to a Late act of Court
10 To accept Town Debts that have Arisen in Sd Town
11 To Hear the petition of Anna Brigham and others and to act thereon as the Town Shall See Cause

Hereof fail not and Make Return of this Warrant With your Doings Herein to us or Som one of us Before or at the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton February 5th 1762

Thomas Drury
Benja Thurston
John Sherman
Noah Brooks
Selectmen for the Town of Grafton

Worcester ss pursuant to the Warrant I have Warned all the freeholders and Notable Inhabitents of Sd Grafton to Met at time and place Within Mentioned per Benja Leland Constable

Grafton March y 1 Day 1762

Grafton March ye 1 Day 1762 (110) at nine of the Clock in the fore noon
the freeholders and Notable Inhabitents of said Grafton met agreeable to the
Wawant
Choose mr Solomon Prentice Moderator for ye meeting
Voted to Chuse three Wardens for the Currant year
Choose Corn Natll Sherman warden } By a vote dismist Corn Natll Sherman
Choose Left Plinehel Leland warden } By a vote dismist Left Plinel Leland
Choose Ens John Goulding warden
Voted to Chuse five Selectmen for the Currant year
Choose Joseph Batcheller
Choose John Sherman
Choose Ebenezer Cutler
Choose Jno Darling
Choose James Leland Jr } Selectmen
Choose Jno Darling Town Clerk for the Currant year
Choose Dcn Joseph Meriam Town Treasuer for the Currant year
Then by a vote Adjourned the meeting for one Hower to the Meeting House
in said Grafton ——— Left Solomon Prentice Moderator
By Adjournment Met a gain at time and place provided
Choose Hezekiah Taylor } Assessors for the Currant year
Choose Capt Samuel Wheeler } March ye 1 Day 1762 Sworn By Charles Brigham Esqr
Choose Dcn Abner Stow }
Voted to Chuse two Constables for the Currant year
Choose Aaron Kimball Constable for the North side of the Town
Choose Hezekiah Ward Constable for the South side of the Town
Put to vote whether the Town will excuse mr Hezekiah Ward from serving
of Constable the Currant year and passed in the Affirmative
Choose Nathaniel Clagg Constable for the South side of the Town for the
Currant year March 1 Day 1762 Nathaniel Clagg sworn By Charles Brigham Justice
Voted to Chuse the Rest of the Town officers by hand Vote
Choose Corn Nathaniel Sherman Surveying Man
Choose Hezekiah Ward Surveying Man and same day sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr
Choose Benjamin Rockwood warden and same day sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr
Voted to Chuse seven Surveyors of Highways for the Currant year
Choose Dn Joseph Meriam Surveyor same day sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr
Choose Ephraim Sherman Surveyor same day sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr
Choose Left Plinehel Leland Surveyor same day sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr
Choose John Sherman Surveyor same day sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr
Choose Corn Natll Sherman Surveyor same day sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr
Choose Joel Brooks Surveyor
Choose Joseph Winchester Surveyor same day sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr
Choose Capt Samuel Wheeler Warden same day sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr
Voted to Chuse Sir Hogwards Choose Dcn Abner Stow Choose Ebr Cutler for Choose Benja
Sherman Choose Natll Sartell Prentice Choose Joseph Arnold Choose Abraham Brown
Hogwards for the Currant year same day all of them sworn By
Charles Brigham Esqr

Voted to Chuse two fence Viewers for the Currant year
Choose Corn Nathaniel Sherman } fence Viewers
Choose Plinehas Rice — }

Voted to Chuse two field Drivers
Choose Hezekiah Wood } field Drivers same day Both Sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr
Choose Solomon Stow }
Voted to Chuse a peyaer of Shingles
Choose David Fourbush peyaer of Shingles same day Sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr
Choose Eph.m Lyon Sealer of Leather same day Sworn by Charles Brigham Esqr
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Let the Horse Run at Large the Currant year and passed in the Affirmative
Voted to Chuse a School Committee to Send Squadren out the Town and to provide a School master or Masters
Voted to chuse five for — } School Committee for the Currant year
Choose Abr Temple
Choose Jacob Whipple
Choose Hezekiah Taylor
Choose Simon Brooks
Choose Solomon Stow
Voted to Mend the High Ways By [illegible]Rate in the Same Manner they Ware Mended Last year

Jon Nathaniel Sherman Com.d and Desires to have the Road Disalowed that Leads through his Land by John Maynard or to have the Town pay for it

Voted to allow a man per day for Labour at the High Ways from the first day of May till the Last day of September two Shillings and eight pence
Voted to Allow a man per day from the first of October to the End of the year one Shilling and six pence pr day
Voted to allow one Shilling pr Day for a pair of Oxen and a Cart six pence pr day for work at the High Ways

Then By A Vote Adjourned their Meeting to Monday the fifteenth Day of this instant March at Twelve of the Clock Noon on s.d Day at the Meeting House in Said Grafton Attest Solomon Prentice Moderator

Grafton March 15 1762 By Adjournment Met again at time and place Proceeded viz Accepted a pair Lists viz Ebenezer Wheelor Left Plinehas Leland Joel Brooks Timo Darling — Selected out Ebr Wheler for the Superior Rose Then Accepted Town Debts

Grafton Sept.r the 11.th 1765 the Account of the Work Done in Mending the Roads in My District in June and the Beginning of September

Edward Adams 5 Days and half with one hand	2/8 pr Day	£0-14-8
Oxen one Day and half Day		0-5-4
Solomon Stow 6 Day with one hand at	2/8 pr Day	0-16-0
Timber for a Bridge		0-0-4
Abr Brown 2 Days and half with one hand at	2/8 pr Day	0-6-8
Plinehas Rice 3 Days with one hand at	2/8 pr Day	0-8-0
Plinehas Rice pr 2 Days with one hand	2/8 pr Day	0-5-4
Capt Samuel Wamin 5 Days with one hand	2/8 pr Day	0-13-4
Nathaniel Wamin 2 Days one hand	2/8 pr Day	0-5-4
Zachra Wamin 2 Days with one hand	2/8 pr Day	0-5-4
Plinehas Pratt 2 Day with one hand	2/8 pr Day	0-5-4
Robert Flagg 2 Days with 2 hands at	2/8 pr Days	0-10-8
Ezekiel Batchelor 3 Days and a half	2/4 pr Day	0-9-4
Ebenezer Wheelor 5 Days with one hand	2/8 pr Day	0-13-4

Joseph Goodall 2 Days with 2 hands 112 at 2/8 pr Day — £0-10-8
Mark Butchellor 5 Day with one hand at 2/8 pr Day — 0-13-4
Lew Abner Stow 2 Day with 3 hands at 2/8 per Day — 0-16-0
Oxen and Cart one greater of a day — 0-03-0
Abraham Temple 8 Days with one hand at 2/8 per Day — 1-1-4
Oxen and Cart one Day and halfe — 0-2-6
Timber for a Bridge — 0-01-4
Benjamin Winchester 3 Days oxen half Day — 0-8-6
Joseph Winchester 2 Days and half — 0-6-0
Oxen and Cart one Day — 0-07-8
Joseph Perry 3 Days and one third of a Day — 0-8-8
Benjamin Morse 1 Day — 0-2-5
John prentice 2 Days — 0-5-4
Benjamin Goddard 3 Days — 0-8-0
William Lyon 2 Days — 0-5-4
Mosel Harrington 4 Day — 0-10-8
Oxen and Cart 1 Day — 0-1-8
Jonathan Hall 4 Days — 0-10-8
Daniel Grout 1 Day — 0-2-8
Lew Nathaniel Sherman 2 Days and half — 0-6-8
Oxen and Cart one Day — 0-1-8
Hezekiah Taylor 4 Days and a half with one Hand — 0-12-0
Oxen half Day — 0-0-6
Ens Thomas Pratt one Day and half — 0-4-0
Sd John Gouldring 4 Days and half with one hand — 0-12-0
Mr Solomon prentice 3 Days and half Work — 0-9-4
Mr Dudley 3 June Voted it — £15-2-2
Joseph Stow 3

Lawful Receipts pr Mosel Harrington Jugaer
March 15 1762 this Accompt Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton — Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

Jacob Whipple Accompt of High Way Work — £0-5-4
Ebr Sadler p/o 2 Days — 0-5-4
Samuel Batchelor p/o 2 Days — 0-13-4
Ephr Sherman p/o 4½ Oxen and Cart one Day — 0-4-0
Ebr Sherman pr to 1½ — 0-5-4
James Whipple p/o 2 Days — 1-1-8
Joseph Whipple to 7½ Oxen and Cart one Day — 0-6-8
Joseph Bigelow p/o 2½ Days — 0-4-0
Samuel Chase to 1½ — 0-13-4
Eleazer Fletcher to 4 Days — 0-13-4
Benja Leland to 4 Days — 0-14-4
Lieut Leland to 4 Days Oxen and Cart 1 Day — 0-5-4
John Holbrook 2 Days — 0-5-4
Benjamin Pulsifer 2 Days — 0-12-8
Jacob Whipple 4½ — 0-5-4
Mosel Whipple 2 Days — 0-2-8
John Stow 1 Day — Grafton March 15 1762 Ebr Sergt Jacob Whipple Jugar — £6-17-4

March 15 1762 this Accompt Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton Voted it
Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton to Labour Don ~~in Highways~~ to Town in the year 1765

1st	John Sherman to 6 Days 1/2 by him self Cart and oxen	£0-19-0
	James Leland Jur to 5 Days at 2/8 3 Days Cart and oxen	1st pr day 0 18 4
	Aaron Brigham to 4 Days at 2/8 pr day Cart and oxen 1/8 pr day	0-12-4
	Stephen prentice to 2 Days	0-5-4
	Elisha Brigham to 2 Days and half	0-6-8
	Amos Waite 4 days	0-10-8
	John Maynard 3 Days oxen and Cart one day	0-9-8
	John Willard to 5 Days	0-13-4
	Robt Lems to 2 Days 3/4 at 2/8 pr Day	0-7-4
	William Rixford half day	0-1-4
	Charles Brigham 2d Jur 4 Days Cart and oxen 1 day	1-0-4
	David Ford one day	0-2-8
	Ezekiel Brigham to 3 Days	0-8-0
	Nath.ll Sherman to one day and half	0-4-0
	Robt Latte to 3 Days and half oxen and Cart one day and half	0-11-10
	Joseph Axtell to 3/4 2/	0-3-4
	Daniel Axtell to work	0-2-0
	William Holbrook to 2 Days and half oxen and Cart 2 Days	0-10-0
	Simon Brooks 3 Days and half	0-9-4
	Nath.ll Prentice to 4 Days and half	0-12-0
		total £9-7-6

March 5 1762 this Accompt Read and receepted by the Town of Grafton — Attest Solomon prentice Moderator

Grafton March 1st 1762 — Simon Brooks } Surveyor of high Ways for Grafton

An Accompt of Labour Don by the Several persons here after Named att the High Ways in Grafton in 1765 in My District viz

	me & Eber Brooks 2/2 and oxen day	£0-7-8
1765	Peter Brooks 2/2 Days oxen and Cart 2 Days and half	0-9-4
	Ditto in Sept 1/2 Day	0-1-4
	Eber Brooks in Sept 1/2	0-1-4
	Ephr Fletcher 2 Days	0-5-4
	Thomas Axtell 4 1/2 oxen 2 two days	0-13-6
	Nath.ll Cooper 4 day oxen and Cart	0-11-8
	Joseph Willard 2 Days oxen 1 day	0-6-4
	Joseph Willard Jur 2 1/2 Cart and oxen	0-5-8
	Benja Willard 1 day Cart half day	0-3-0
	Isaac Harrington 2 Days oxen 2 two days	0-7-4
	Daniel Willard 2 Days	0-5-4
	Noah Brooks 2 Days oxen	0-6-4
	Ditto Cart one day	0-0-8
	Aaron Kimball 3 Days oxen and Cart	0-9-0
	Thomas Graves 5 Days	0-13-4
	Mosh Edgar 4 days oxen and Cart 2 Days	0-11-8
	Ditto Cart 2 Days	0-1-4
	Josiah Lyon 5 days	0-13-4
	David Harrington 1 day	0-2-8
	Jason Waite half day	0-1-4
	Joseph Willard half day	0-1-4
	Benja Willard 2 days	0-5-4
	Noah Brooks 1 day	0-2-8
	Josiah Lyon 1 day and Cart 1 day	0-3-4
	Daniel Willard one day	0-2-8

two oxen

Thomas Drury 2 days oxen and Cart 2 days and half — £0-4-4
Joseph Arnold 2 days oxen and Cart 2 days and half — 0-4-4
Peter Cart 1½ [illegible] — 0-1-8
Thomas Drury Jun 2 days — 0-5-4
Jun[a] Harrington 2 days — 0-5-4
Jason Waite 1 day — 0-2-8
David Harrington 1 day — 0-2-8
Elijah Drury 1 day — 0-2-8
Luke Drury 1 day — 0-2-8
Thomas Drury one day oxen and Cart one day — 0-4-4
Thomas Drury per 1½ — 0-4-0
Elijah Drury 1 day — 0-2-8
Luke Drury 1 day — 0-2-8
Joseph Arnold 1 day — 0-2-8
Jason Waite 1 day — 0-2-8
Jason Waite per 1 day — 0-2-8
Luke Drury 1 day — 0-2-0
David Stow 3½ day — 0-14-8
Ebenezer Cutler 4 days oxen and Cart 2 days — 0-6-8
Ebr[r] Cutler per 2½ — 0-2-8
Moses Cutler 1 day — 0-2-8
Jon[a] Cutler 1 day — 0-12-0
Joel Brooks 4½ — Total £12-16-0

The foregoing Servise was don in ye Month of June & July
Grafton March 1: 1762 Errors Excepted per Josiah Lyon Surveyer
March 15 1762 this Accompt Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton
Attest Solomon Prentice Moderator

Grafton February ye 12: 1762 An Accompt of Work that I have Don on the High Ways in the year 1761 from the first of May to the last of September
Silas Warin Nine days — £1-4-0
Jonathan Child four days and half — 0-12-0
Left Israel Steven three days and half — 0-9-4
Jacob Steven three days oxen and Cart one day and half — 0-10-6
Hezekiah Ward three days and a quarter of a day — 0-8-8
Isaac Harington three days and a quarter of a day — 0-8-8
David Fisher one day and a half — 0-4-0
Thomas Jamison one day — 0-2-8
David Fowbush two days and three quarters — 0-7-4
William Warin one day — 0-2-8
Benj[a] Thurston four days and half oxen and Cart half day — 0-12-10
Ebr Thurston two days and half — 0-5-0
Eleazer Flagg six days — 0-16-0
Josiah Rawson three days — 0-8-0
Nathaniel Flagg three days — 0-8-0
Peter Fisk three days — 0-8-0
Benjamin Rockhood four days and a half — 0-12-0
James Harington two days and three quarters and Cart 3 quarters of a day — 0-6-7
Nathaniel Whitney 2 days and three quarters of a day — 0-7-4

Look on the other side

Nathaniel Hudson 2 days and three (15) quarters of a day — £0-7-4
Lott Miller 2 days Cent And oxen half a day — 0-6-2
Joseph Merieam Eight days oxen and Cent & half — 1-3-10
Joseph Merieam for three days and half — 0-9-4

Total £11-0-3

March ye 1 day 1762 — Joseph Merieam Sugars

March 15. 1762 this accompt Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton
Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

In accompt of What we the subscribers have Don for Supporting Jonathan Marble
ue To Capt Thomas Drury to Cash — £0-4-0
To John Sherman to Cash — 0-4-0
To Capt Noah Brooks to one peck of Indian Corn and one peck of Rye and Cash — 0-4-8
Also to two yards and a half of Dowlis — 0-4-0
More to Meet Meal and Cash — 0-3-0
To Eber Cutler to Indian Corn — 0-4-0
To Capt Thomas Drury to Shues — 0-9-4
To 1# pound of Salt pork — 0-2-5½
To Cash Paid to Daniel Miller — 5-6-8
To Eight yards of Cloth for Shurting — 0-16-0
To Meal one Bushall and half — 0-5-0
To half Bushall of Rye Meal — 0-2-0
To pork three pound — 0-1-2

Grafton February ye 22 1762 — Sum Total is £8-9-1-0

March ye 15: 1762 Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton this Accompt
Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

Thomas Drury
Ebenezer Cutler
Noah Brooks
Benjamin Thurston
} Select men for the Town of Grafton

In accompt of What we the subscribers have Don for Mary Mash Indian woman Defeat viz To Benjamin Goddard to Boarding and Nursing Sd Indian twelve weeks the sum of — £5-4-0
To Doctr Timothy Darling to Twenty four Visits and Medicines and Dressing her Sore the sum of — £4-2-6
To a Coffen to Bury her in — 0-5-4
To Digging a Grave to put her in — 0-2-8
To a Sheat to Bury her in — 0-3-4

Grafton Feb: ye 22: 1762 — Sum Total is £9-17-10

March ye 15 1762 Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton this Accompt
Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

Thomas Drury
Ebr Cutler
Noah Brooks
Benjamin Thurston
John Sherman
} Select men for the Town of Grafton

The Town of Grafton Dr to Me to Serving As Sesor for Sd Town the year 1761 to nine Days and a half at Two Shillings pr Day Nineteen Shillings Grafton March ye 15th 1762 — Abner Stow

£0-19-0

March ye 15 1762 this Accompt Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton
Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

Town of Grafton Dr for Keeping the Key of the Meeting House and Sweeping the Meeting House — £0-12-0

Grafton march 1: 1762 — Nathaniel Sherman

March ye 15 1762 this Accompt Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton
Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

Grafton Dr to Capt Thomas Drury and Ebenezer Cutler for preambulating Lines Between Grafton and Uxbridge and Between Grafton and Sutton two Days Each 0-2-8 pr Day from Total —— £0-16-

Thomas Drury
Ebenezer Cutler

Grafton May ye 10: 1761

March ye 15 1762 this Accompt Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton Att Solomon Prentice Moderator

Grafton March ye 15: 1761 The Town of Grafton Debter To Joseph Meriam for Keeping the Preacher in the year 1761 —— £0-16-

March ye 15 1762 this accompt Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton Att Solomon Prentice Moderato

Grafton Dr ye 23 1761 Grafton Dr to Work Don at the School House and in the Meeting House —— 0-2-

Mr David Harrington

March ye 15 1762 this Accompt Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton Att Solomon Prentice Mod

The Town of Grafton To Me Debter by order of the Select men to Sundry Visits and Medicines Applied to the prence Nutwell family at Grafton from the tenth day of March A D 1760 to the Last Day of August 1761 the of Two Pounds one Shilling —— £2-1-

Grafton Febr ye 26 1762

Errr Excepted Timothy Jarlins Physician

March ye 15 1762 this Accompt Read and accepted by the Town of Graf Att Solomon Prentice Moderator

Town Debter for Nursing at Jonathan Mabbles ten Days and a half at five Shillings pr Week the Whole is —— £0-4-

Grafton March ye 15: 1762

Elisabeth Harington

March ye 15 1762 this Accompt Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton —— Att Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton To Abraham Temple Debter to one peck of Rye Meal £0-0-
To one peck of Indian Meal —— 0-0-
To five pound of Beef —— 0-1-
To two pound of pork —— 0-0-
for Jonathan Maable —— 0-3-

Errr Excepted

Grafton March 15 1762 —— A for a Temple

Grafton March ye 15 1762 this Accompt Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton Att Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton Debter to providing the Town School for the West side of the Town ten weeks at seven shillings pr week —— £3-10-
Also to Boarding To School Master To ten Weeks at three Shillings and Eight pence per Week —— £1-5-16

Total £5-6-

Grafton March ye 1: 1762

Aaron Brigham

Grafton March ye 15 1762 this Accompt Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton —— Att Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to providing the Town School for the South side of the Town ten Weeks at seven shillings and four pence per Week —— £3-13-
Also to Boarding To School Master To ten Weeks at three shillings and Eight pence per Week —— £1-16

Total £5-10-

Grafton March ye 1: 1762

Phineas Leland

March ye 15: 1762 this Accompt Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton Att Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton Dr to providing a School for the East part of To Town in the year 1761 ye To 2½ Months at 30/ pr Month —— £3-15-
To Boarding the School Master 10 weeks at 3/8 pr Week —— £1-11-

Grafton March 1: 1762

Total £5-11-

Errors Excepted pr Benjamin Thurston Constable

March ye 15 1762 this Accompt Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton Att Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton to John Gouldings Dr to ten Weeks of a School Mistris at four
Shilling per week — — — — — — — — — — — — — £2-0-0
to Boarding ye School Mistris ten weeks at 2/8 pr Week — — — — — — — £1-6-8
Grafton March ye 1: 1762 Errors Excepted Total £3-6-8
March ye 15 1762 this Account Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton John Goulding
Attl Solomon Prentice Moderator

Town of Grafton Dr to providing a School for the middle of the Town 14 Weeks at 6/1
pr Week and the Boarding 2/8 per Week — — — — — — — — — £4-13-4
Grafton Decr ye 31: 1761 Nathaniel Sherman
Grafton March ye 15 1762 this Account Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton
Attl Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton To Benja Willard Dr for Service Done in the year 1761
To Nine Day in the Town Service at 2/ pr day as an Assessor — £0-18-0
Grafton March ye 15 1762 Errors Excepted Benja Willard
March ye 15: 1762 this Account Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton
Attl Solomon prentice Moderator

The Town of Grafton To John Goulding Dr to providing a School Master three Weeks at
the Lay of five Dollers pr Month — — — — — — — — — £1-2-6
to Boarding said School master three Weeks at three Shillings and
Eight pence pr week — — — — — — — — — — — — — £0-11-0
Grafton March 1th: 1762 — Total £1-13-6
March ye 15: 1762 this Account Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton Errors Excepted John Goulding
Attl Solomon prentice Moderator

Town of Grafton Debter for Making Rats for the year 1761 Nine Days two
Shillings pr Day the Whole — — — — — — — — — — £0-18-0
Grafton March ye 15 1762 —
March ye 15: 1762 this Account Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton Samuel Warin
Attl Solomon prentice Moderator

Account of Dea Joseph Moriam Now present Town Treasuor for the Town of Grafton
What Sums of Money that hath been Transfered or ordered in of the Town Money
Hath been Shown to us the Subscribers viz one Hundred Eighty six pounds
Thirteen Shillings three pence Transfered over from Mr Joseph Rice former Treasuor
to the Now present Treasuor
Thirteen pounds six Shillings and Eight pence Paid in by Mr Phinehas Rice
and Eighteen pounds ten pence one farthing Paid in by Ephriam Sherman and
Jeremiah Taylor
and one pound one Shilling and Seven pence Paid in by the Select men for
the use of the School House
and fifty pounds ordred into the Treasuor for the Rev Mr Aaron Hutchinsons
Salary for the year 1761
and fifty pounds to pay Town Debts ordred in to the Treasuor
exclusive of What is Remaining in the Hands of Dr Nathaniel Sherman
former Constable
Which Sums Amount to three Hundred thirty nine pounds two Shillings
and one peney one farthing
and we Find by Receipts Shown to us that the Town Treasuor hath paid out of the Town Money
the Sum of two Hundred Nineteen pounds six Shillings four pence two farthings
Their still Remains in the Town Treasuor the Sum of one Hundred Nineteen pounds
Sixteen Shillings Eight pence three farthings Not paid out Grafton Febr 22: 1762
Thomas Drury
John Sherman
Ebenezer Cutler
Noah Brooks
Benjamin Thurston
Select men for the Town of Grafton
Joseph Moriam Town Treasuor
and the High Way Grant which is fifty pounds
for 1761 is not Included in the above Accounts

Within Acct Read and Accepted by the Town
of Grafton March 15 1762
Attt Solomon Prentice Moderator

To the Town of Grafton Regularly Convened —
The petition of Anna Brigham and otherd Members of familied Belonging
too and Doing Duty in Grafton aforesaid Humbly Sheweth ——
That Whereas your petitioners belonging at aforesaid and not haveing any
particulary Seat Assigned them in the Meeting House Where we Usually attend
the Publick Worship of God
our Humble and Earnest request Therefore to the Town at this time is that
we and our Associates may be Indulged with Liberty to Build a Seat for our
selves at our own Cost at the South East Corner of the Meeting House in
Grafton aforesaid Over the Womens Stairs as Was Allowed Some of our
Neighbours over the Mens Stairs and under the Same Restrictions & Limitations
grafton Jan^{y} 29th 1762 And y^{e} petitioners as in Duty shall Ever pray
&c^{a} &c^{a} &c^{a}
Anna Brigham
Martha Harrington
Mary Taylor
Sarah Brooks

March y^{e} 15 1762 this Jettion Read and accepted
By the Town of Grafton
Att^{t} Solomon prentice Moderator

Choose Silas Wamin Select man for the Currant year
By a Vote Dismist John Gouting from Serving Warden
By a Vote accepted of Joseph Willard Junes [illegible] to Serve Constable in the
Room of Aaron Kimball for the Currant year — — — — —
By a Vote choose Moses Harrington Warden for the Currant year
By a Vote accepted the Jettion of Anna Brigham and otherd
Then by a Vote Adjourned their Meeting to Monday the Seventeenth
Day of May Next at two of the Clock in the after Noon on Said Day to
the Meeting House in grafton Att^{t} Solomon prentice Moderator

Grafton May 17 1762 By Adjournment Met again at time and place
proceeded viz By a vote Dismist Nath^{l} Sherman from Serveing Fything
Man the Currant year
By a vote choose Nath^{l} Whitney Fything Man for the Currant year
Then by a Vote Adjourned their Meeting for half an hour then to meet at this pla
By Adjournment Met again at time and place and put to Vote Whether
the Town would allow Hez^{l} Taylors accompt and Cost for Taking y Mahai
Last spring and Jayle in y Negative
The Town of Grafton to Me Debtor to Sundry Visits and Medicines Applied to
Lydia Adams the Last year by order of the Select men —— £3 - 13 - 10
the sum
Grafton March y^{e} 15 1762 pr Tim^{a} Parlin

Grafton May y^{e} 14 1762 this accompt Read and Accepted by the Tow
of Grafton Att^{t} Solomon prentice Moderator

Town of Grafton To Solomon prentice			
To writing Indenture for Marbly Jail			0 - 1 -
To Boards for the School House and hinges for the Door			0 - 0 -
To fetching a Load of wood from the School Lot			0 - 3 -
To Two Load more for Adams family and Cutting Logs			0 - 3 -
To writing Indenture for Marbly Jail			0 - 2 -
			£0 - 11 -

pr order of the Select men
Grafton May 17 1762 pr Sol^{m} prentice

May y^{e} 17 1762 this accompt Read and Accepted by the Town
of Grafton Att^{t} Solomon prentice Moderator

he Town of Grafton to John Gouldring (112) as one of the School Committee for the year
762 is for to one Weeks Wages and Board of a School Mistris in Addition to an Accounpt
before Accepted of ten Weeks wages and Board at six shillings and Eight pence per
Week
raxton May yr 17 1762 £0 - 6 - 8
Ewards Reqsted pr John Gouldring

Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton this Accounpt attd Jol. prentice Moderator

Grafton May 17th 1762

To the Town of Grafton In Town Meeting assembled We Certifie that
We have this Day been by Desire and Viewed the Road Leading from Sears
Mills to the farm so Call'd and have Thought it Convenient to Turn ye said Road
and have Accordingly Fenced and Layd out ye Road as follows Viz Beginning at
a Rock with Stones upon it Near ye South East Corner of John prentices Pasture
and thence Run a North Line to a heap of Stones Near a White pine tree
thence to an oak ~~tree~~ Stand Marked thence to a heap of Stones near Joel Brooks
Pasture thence to a tree in D Pasture Marked thence to a White oak tree Mar-
thence to a pine Near the Road Leading from D Brooks to the Meeting House
thence to D Road said Road to be Allowed two Rods wide
Which plan We Do here present to the Town for Acceptence

Joseph Batcheldor
Ebr Cutler
Silas Wawin
James Leland
} Select Men for Grafton

NB D Road South of the Marks

It is the Within Road Mr Joel Brooks is to put in as good repair as the old Road it was at his own Cost to the Satisfaction of the Select Men — Also to Joel Brooks Lord Liberty of passing and Repassing through his pastures att all Seasons of the year for him prentice or his Successors on the place that was Aaron Hawys to and from his wood Lot on the Hill the putting up Bars in the Summer Season the Old Road Discontinued in Lieu of the New one

This Return Read with in and on the Backside may 17 1762 Was accepted by the Town
Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

Then put to Vote whether the Town would allow John Gouldring three Shillings pr
Day and Cost for taking the Valuation last Spring and passed in the Affirmative
on which ye meting Dissolvd
Attt Solomon prentice Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Joseph Willard pr Constable you are Hereby Required in his Majestyes
Name to Notifie and warn all the Freeholders and Other Notable Inhabitants in Grafton
to Assemble and meet att the Meeting House in D Grafton on Monday the 17 day of
this Instant att 4 Clock pm to Vote and Act as Followeth Viz.
1st to Chuse a Moderator for to Manage
2d to Hear the Report of the Comtee Chosen Last year to Seat the Meeting House
in D Town
3d to Hear and Act upon the Return of your Doings to You or More of us att or
before the Hour of Meeting Given Under Our hands and Seals this third Day of
May Anno Domini 1762 Anno Regni Regis Georgii Tertii Decimo Secundo

Ebr Cutler
Joseph Batcheldor
Silas Wawin
James Leland
Jona Darling
} Select Men of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton May yr 17 1762 Pursuant to the Warrant to me Directed
I have Warned the Notable Inhabitants of this Town to Meet att time and place
in the Meeting on the other Side

Mr Joseph Willard pr Constable

Grafton May ye 17 1762 Met agreable to the Warrant first Choose Joseph —
Batchellor Moderator for ye meeting
We the Subscribers Being A Committee Choosen By the Town of Grafton to
Seet the Meeting house in ye Grafton Have proceeded and Seeted the Meeting
House as Follows to Wit —

The fore Seet Below
Majr Joseph Willard
Mr Solomon prentice
Capt Thomas Drury
Capt James Leland
Mr Ebr Brooks
Mr Ebr Cutler
Mr Jona Child
Mr Benja Winchester

The second Seet Below
Left Israel Stevens
Joseph Drury
Hezekiah Taylor
Capt Samuel Warrin
Silas Warrin
Andrew Adams
Eleazer Flagg
Solomon Stow

The third Seet Below
Capt Noah Brooks
Mark Batchellor
Benja Thurston
Joseph Rice
Joel Brooks
Nathl Warrin
Wm Benja Willard
Isaac Harrington

Fore Seet in the Fourth
Gallery Aaron Brigham
Daniel Leland Jur
Left Johnathan Leland
Ebr Sadler
Benja Rockwood
Mosh Harrington
Thomas Drury Jur
Simon Brooks
Joseph Willard Jur
Silas Harrington
John Maynard

The fourth Seet Below
Jamy Harrington
Joseph Goodall
David Forbush
Josiah Lyon
Nathl Cooper
Thomas Axtell
Eleazer Fletcher
Amos Wait
Benja Leland

The fore Seet of the Side Gallery
John Goulding
Abraham Brown
Ezekiel Brigham
Hezekiah Ward
Nathaniel Flagg
Samuel Chase
Eph Freeman Jur
Peter Brooks
Aaron Kimball
Josiah Rawson
Dotr Timo Dearing
Seth Miller
Nathaniel Hudson
Joseph Winchester
John Stow
Elisha Brigham
Peter Fisk
Joseph Merriam Jur
Nathl Whitney
Eleazer Flagg Jur

The fifth Seet Below
Joseph Arnold
Jason Wait
Joseph Axtell
Nathl Whitmore
Stephen Prentice
Robert Flagg
John Willard
Phinehas Pratt
John Weston
Benja Graves

The sixth Seet Below
Jacob Woodcock
David Stow
Zacy Warrin
William Rixford
Ebr Cutler Jur
Daniel Axtell

the fore Seet Below on the
Women Side the Wife of Dea
Stow and the Widow Goddard

the fourth Seet Below on
the Women Side the Widow
Baker

Here Taylor
Abr Jennel
Andrew Adams
Silas Warrin
John Goulding
} Committee

May ye 17: 1762 This Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton
Attt Joseph Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Nathaniel Flagg Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
(12) You are hereby Required in his Majesty to Warn or Notify all the Freeholders and Notable Inhabitants of s^d Grafton Qualified According to Law to Vote in Town affairs to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in s^d Grafton on Monday the Ninth Day of August next at three of the Clock in the afternoon on s^d Day to Act on the following Articles Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for s^d meeting

2 To See how the Town will proceed in the action or Law suit Brought against the Inhabitents of Grafton by Herekiah Taylor for his Assisting in taking the Valuation in s^d Grafton Last year and for s^d Town to Act on it in any way the Town Shall think proper

Here of fail not and make Return of this Warrant with your Doings Hereon to us or him one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting

Grafton July y^e 19: 1762

Joseph Batcheller
Stat Wamin
James. Leland
Select men for Grafton

Grafton August the 9: 1762 Persuant to this Warrant I have Warned or Notified all the Freeholders and Voluble Inhabitents in Grafton to Meet at Time and Place of Within Mentioned Nath^ll Flagg Constable

Grafton August y^e 9^th 1762 the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of s^d Grafton Being Met at s^d Time and Place Agreable to the Warrant proceded viz

1 By a Vote Choose Com Nathaniel Sherman Moderator for s^d Meeting

2 Put to Vote Whether the Town will proceed to Defend the Action Brought against the Inhabitents of Grafton By Herekiah Taylor for his Assisting in Making the Valuation in s^d Town Last year and Passed in the Affirmative

Voted to Defend the action by Accomm^dation

Voted to Chuse two for s^d Comm^tee

By a Vote Choose Nim^h Darling

By a Vote Choose Eph^m Wheelor

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Empower the Comm^tee that is Already Choosen to Employ an Attorney to Defend the s^d action Brought Against the Town by Herekiah Taylor and Passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Empower the Committee Already Choosen to Agree and Settel the Affair with M^r Herekiah Taylor if they Can on Reasonable Terms and Passed in the Affirmative

Att^t Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

To the Select Men of Grafton these are to Notifie you that I have Taken into my House as a Hired man for one Month one Nathaniel Freeman and the Last place of his Residence was at Worcester and as to his Circumstance and State I Believe is But small s^d Nathaniel Freeman Came to my House the Sixteenth Day of April Last

Grafton December y^e 20 1762 — Mos^s Harrington

To the Select Men of Grafton Gent men these are to Notifie you that I have Taken into my House Truman March from Newbury on the Fifth Day of this Instant June and as to his State I am A Stranger Grafton June 21: 1762 Samuel Chase

To the Select Men of Grafton ~~Taken up to Day~~ these are to Notifie you I have on the 24 Day of October Last Taken a poor Lame by an Apprentice from Upton Named Deborah Hod a poor Lame but no Estate Grafton November ye 2: 1762 Benja Thurston

Grafton August ye 10 1762 Taken up and Strayed by Hezekiah Ward of Grafton a small Black Mare with a small Star in her forhead a Little White on her Left hind foot & a small Saddle spot on the Right Side of Her Back Supposed to be Twelve or Thirteen years old Lame in her Left hind Leg Supposed Caused by a Cut above her foot Lock No artifical Mark Discovered — —

The Appriers Appointed Mess Nathaniel Sherman and Sylvian Lyon — — Apprised at — — — £-15-0

For Caring to the pound Time and Necessary Travel and Expence in Proceeding according to Law — — 0-8-0

To the Justice — — — — 0-1-9

For Impounding & Releasing in the pound — — 0-2-8

Allowed the Appriers — — — — 0-2-0

Charles Brigham Justice of the peace

orcester ss To Mr Nathaniel Flagg Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
d You are hereby Required in his Majestys name to Warn all the freeho
and Votable Inhabitents of this Town qualifyed according to Law to Town
Affairs To Meet and Assemble at the meeting House in s Grafton on
the Twenty Second Day of November Current at one of the Clock in
the afternoon on s Day to Act on the following Articles Viz
To Chuse a Moderator for s Meeting
2 To Grant money to pay Town Debts
3 To See if the Town Will abate the Town and Minister Rate of Stephen
Prentice Assessed on him Last year or any part of them — in the
Hands of Mr Ebr Cutler Late Constable
4 To See if the Town will abate the Rate of Nathaniel Whitemore
Assessed on him Last year or any part thereof in the Hands of Mr
Ebr Cutler Late Constable
5 To Accept Town Debts — — — — — —
Hereof fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with your
Doings Herein Before or at the Hour of Metting to us or Town
one of ye Grafton November ye 8 1762 Ebr Cutler } Select men
Joseph Batchelder } for the
Silas Wearin } Town of
James Leland Jr } Grafton
Timo Dawling }

Grafton November ye 22 1762 Persuant to this
Warrant I have Prodeeded to Warn all the
freeholders & Notable Inhabitents of this Town
Acording to the Custome of the place to
Assemble as within Mentioned
Nathaniel Flagg Constable

Grafton November ye 22 1762 the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents
of s Grafton Being Met Agreable to the Warrant at Time and place
proceeded Viz
by a Vote Choose Mr Joseph Merium Moderator for s Meeting
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Grant forty pounds to pay Town
Charges the present year and passed in the negative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Grant Thirty pounds to pay Town
Arrears Exclusive of the High Ways and passed in the Negative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will grant ten pounds passed in the Negative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will grant Twenty pounds to pay
Town Debts the present yeer and passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will abate the Town and Minister Rate
of Stephen Prentice in the Hands of Mr Ebr Cutler Late Constable
and passed in the Negative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will abate the Rate of Nathaniel
Whitmore in the hands of Mr Ebr Cutler Late Constable and passed
in the Negative Attst Joseph Merium Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Joseph Willard jun Constable for the Town of Greafton Greeting
(1) In his Majestys Name you are hereby Required to Warn or Notifie all
the Freeholders and other Votable Inhabitents of s^d Grafton Qualified
According to Law that are in your Rate Bill to Meet at the Meeting
House in s^d Grafton On Tuesday the twenty sixth Day of March Current
at Seven of the Clock in the fore Noon of s^d Day to act on the
following Articles — Viz —

1 To Chuse a Moderator for s^d Meting
2 To Chuse Town officers for the year Ensuing as the Law Divicts
3 To see How the Town will order the School the year Ensuing and How
they will Provide a School Master
4 To see if the Town will Let the horne Run at Large the year Ensuing
5 For the Town to Propose by a Vote How the Roads and High Ways shall be
Mended and Kept in Repair the year Ensuing
6 For the Town to Propose by a Vote what they will Allord for Labo
at the High Ways the year Ensuing
7 For the Town to Accept of and Discontinure High Ways
8 To Accep of a List of Jury Men Agreable to a Late Act of Court
9 To heer the Report of the present Town Treasur
10 To Accept Town Debts
11 To Abat the Ratt of Solomon Miller and Daniel Miller Assessed on them in the
year 1761 or Any part of them in the Hands of Ebr Cuttler Late Constable
12 To Abate the Ratt of Archabald Ware and Benj^a Pratt Assessed on them
in the year 1761 in the Hands of John Maynard Late Constable
13 To Abate the High Way Rate of Nath^ll Whitmore Assessed on him in the
year 1761 in the hands of Ebr Cuttler Late Constable
14 To abate the Ratt of John Herd Assessed in the Hands of Nath^ll Rogers Late Const
15 To see if the Town will for the future Have the Town Meetings
16 Warned by Posting Notifications at the Meeting House or Else
where as they Shall See Cause

Hereof make Return of your Doings herein to us or Som of us the
Subscribers att or Before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton March 21 1763

Jn^o Lanfing
Worcester ss Pursuant to this Warrent I have Ebenezer Cuttler } Select men
Warned all the Freeholders Joseph Batcheller } for the
And Voters In My Rate Bill [redacted] } Town
to Meet at Time and place [redacted] James Leland } of Grafton
Grafton March 29 1763 pr Joseph Willard jun Constable Errors Excepted

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Worcester ss To Mr Nathaniel Flagg one of the Constables for the Town
(2) of Grafton Greeting — In his Majestys Name you are hereby Required
to Notifie and Warn all the Freeholders and other Votable Inhabitents
in s^d Grafton that are Within the Limitts of your Rate Bill to Assemble
and Meet at the Meeting House in s^d Grafton On Tuesday the 29th Day of
March Current at 9^h Clock fore noon to act on the following
Articles — Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for s^d Meting
2 To Chuse Town officers for the Current year as the Law Divicts
3 To see how the Town will order the School for the Current year
And how they will Provide a School Master

See if the Town Will Let the Swine Run at Large the Currant year
For the Town to Propose by a Vote how the Roads and High Ways shall be Mended
& Kept in Repair the Currant year

For the Town to Propose by a Vote What they Will Allow pr Day for
labour at the High Ways the Currant year
For the Town to Accept of and Discontinue High Ways in the Town
To Accept of a List of Jury Men Agreable to a Late Act of Court
to Heare the Report of the present Town Treasuer
To Accept of Town Debts
To Abate the Rate of Solomon & Daniel Miller Assessed upon them in
the year 1761
To Abate the Rate of Archabld Ware and Benja Prall or Any Part
of there of Assessed upon them in the year 1761 in the hands of John Megnad Late Constable
to Abate the High Way Rate of Nathaniel Whitmore Assessed upon him
In 1761 in the Hands of Ebr Cutler Late Constable
To Abate the Rate of John Hord Deseased in the Hands of Nath Cogner
Late Constable
To See if the Town Will for the future have the Town Meetings warned
by Setting Notifications at the Meeting House or Else where as they
Shall See Cause
To Grant Money for Mending the High Ways for the Currant year
Here of fail Not and make Return of your doings hereon to us or
Some of us the Subscribers at or before the hour of Meeting Dated
Grafton March ye 21: 1763

Timothy Dearling
Ebr — Cutler
Joseph Batchelder
James Leland — } Select Men of Grafton

Worcester ss March ye 29 1763 Persuant to this
Warrant I have Warned all the Freeholders
and Votable Inhabitents as within Mentioned
pr Nathaniel Flagg Constable —

March ye 29: 1763 the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of Grafton Met
Agreable to the Warrants at Time and Place Proceeded
by a Vote Choose Mr Nathaniel Sherman Moderator for Sd Meeting
Voted to Chuse Two Wardens for the Currant year
By a Vote Choose Amos Adams
By a Vote Choose Mr Joseph Meriam } Wardens
Voted to Chuse five Select Men for the Currant year
By a Vote Choose Charles Brigham Esqr
By a Vote Choose Abraham Temple
By a Vote Choose Mr Joseph Meriam } Select Men
By a Vote Choose Solomon Hord
By a Vote Choose Silas Warrin

By a Vote Choose Timo Darling Town Clerk for the Currant year
By a Vote Choose Joseph Meriam Town Treasuer for the Currant year

Voted to Chuse three Assessors for the Currant year
By a Vote Choose Mr Joseph Meriam
By a Vote Choose Charles Brigham Esqr } Assessors
By a Vote Choose Abner Hord

Voted to Chuse Two Constables for the Currant year
By a Vote Choose Simon Brooks
By a Vote choose Ebr Cutler pr } Constables
Mr By a Vote Adjd the Meeting for One hour then to Meet at the Meeting
house in Sd Grafton

Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

By Adjournment Met & Again (128) at time and place proceeded
Voted to Chuse five Surveyors of High Ways for the Currant year
By a Vote Choose Mosel Harrington
By a Vote Choose Ebr- Sadler
By a Vote Choose Elisha Brigham
By a Vote Choose Capt John Goulding
By a Vote Choose Her Ward
Voted to Chuse two more Surveyors of Highways
By a Vote Choose Luke Drury
By a Vote Choose James Leland Jr
} Surveyors of Highways

Voted to Chuse Two Fyting Men for the Currant year
By a Vote Choose Aaron Brigham
By a Vote Choose Joseph Drury
} Fyting Men

Voted to Chuse five Hogriefs Choose Benja Rockhood Jacob Whipple John Maynard Asher Ford Elijah Drury

Choose Phinehas Rice and Nathaniel Sherman fence Viewers

Choose Her Ward and Joseph Goodall fire wards

Choose John Holbrook and Thomas Axtell Sear Riefs

Choose Benja Rockhood and Her Taylor field Drivers

Choose Josiah Rawson Sealer of Leather

Choose Mark Batchelder Surveyor of Shingles and Bounds

Choose Left Phinehas Leland Surveyor of Hoops

Voted to Let the Swine Run at Large the Currant year

Voted to Chuse a Committee to Squadron out the Town Relating to the School to order Where it Shall be Kept the Currant year

Choose Her Ward
Choose Epr Sherman
Choose Her Taylor
Choose John Sherman
Choose Aaron Kimball
} Committee

Then Voted that Each Squadron Shall Draw there Money for the School and Apply it to the Use of the School and No one Squadron Shall send to any other

By a Vote Reconsidered the Vote Relating to Each Squadron Drawing there Money

Then by a Vote Reconsidered the Last Vote

Voted to Have the Roads and High Ways this year Mended by a Rate and have the Rate Maid by the Last years Valuation

Voted to Allow Each Man for Labour at the High Ways from Now till the Last of September Next Two Shillings and Eight pence per Day and one Shilling per Day for a pare of Oxen and 1/4 pence per Day for a Cart

By a Vote Granted Sixty pounds to pay for Mending High Ways the Present Year

Voted to Have the High Way Rate Maid in April Next

Voted to Chuse a Committee to provide a School Master or Masters for the Currant year

Voted to Chuse one Man in Each Squadron

Coop[t] for Lieu Sherman Her Jayler Aaron Kimball Her Ward Eph[m]
Lieu[t] Clinch[d] Leland a School Committee

Accepted the Report of the Committee Choosen this Day to Squadron out the Town Relating the School

Then proceeded to accept Town Debts

By a Vote Allowed to John Prentice £22-0-0 for Keeping the Town School the Last year and to Boarding

By a Vote Allowed to Jim[s] Darling £0-9-0 for Visits and medicins to the French Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Dea[n] Joseph Merriam £10-13-10 for High Way Work Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Mess[rs] Thomas Drury John Sherman Noah Brooks Eb[r] Cutler and Ben[a] Thaxter £7-12-1-1 for Supporting Lydia Adams and all Charge of Moving her to Brookfield

By a Vote Allow to Joel Brooks £7-11-2 for High Way Work Last year

By a Vote Allow to Joseph Willard the third £6-4-0 for Keeping the Town School Last year and to Boarding

By a Vote Allowed to Dea[n] Abner Howe £3-0-0 for Keeping the Town School Last year and to Boarding

By a Vote Allowed to Abner Howe £1-0-0 for Making Rate Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Capt Sam[l] Warren £1-0-0 for Making Rate Last year

By a Vote Allowed to John Sherman £6-13-8 for High Way Work Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Joseph Winchester £10-1-4 for High Way Work Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Left Clinch[d] Leland £10-16-4 for High Way Work Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Eber Jayler £0-18-0 for Making Rate Last year

Accepted the Report of the present Town Treasur

Accepted of a List of Jury Men Viz Solomon Howe Silas Warren Moses Whipple Simon Brooks then by a vote Selected out Simon Brook for the Superior Court

By a Vote Adjourned the Meeting to Friday the first day of April Next at one of the Clock in the After noon then to Meet at the Meeting in Dea[n] Grafton

Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

By Adjournment Met again at Time and place proceed — —

By a Vote Allowed to Silas Sherman £5-14-6 for High Way Work Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Joseph Merriam £0-12-0 for Keeping the Treasur Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Cap[t] Nath[l] Sherman £11-0-0 for High Way Work Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Cap[t] Nath[l] Sherman £0-12-0 for Keeping the Meeting House Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Mess[rs] Eb[r] Cutler Silas Warren James Leland the Sum of £1-1-4 for House Room for the French Last year and to Wood and Matts

By a Vote Allowed to Ben[a] Leland 0-1-4 Money Paid to Jabez Hoyt

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Chuse the Town Meeting in the Town of Grafton Warned by Posting a Copy of of the Warrant and Passed in the Affirmative

Voted to have a Copy of the Warrant for Town Meeting Posted on the Post to be Set Up by the Selectmen Between the Meeting House and Mr Hutchinsons & Copy to be Set Up by the Constable

Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

An Accompt of Joseph Meriam present Town Treasurer for the Town of Grafton of what sums of Money that hath been Ordered to the Treasurer With what was remaining in the Treasurers the Last Reconing bearing Date Febr y 22 1762 which sumes Three Hundred forty nine pounds Eleven shillings five pence three Farthings and the Treasurer hath paid out the sum of Hundred seventy seven pound Eleven shilling three Farthings - So there remains yet in the Treasurer the sum of one Hundred seventy two pounds five pence Grafton Febr y 21 1763 -

Selectmen for Grafton
Lt Cutler
Joseph Batchellor
James Leland
Silas Warrin
Jno Dowling

NB Exclusive of what is Remaining in Lt Nathaniel Sherman Late Constable Hands

This Accompt read and accepted by the Town of Grafton
March y 29 1763 Nath l Sherman Moderator

Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer

Laid out a High Way Within the Town of Grafton begining at a Land of Nathaniel Wells at a Stake and heap of Stones then Runs to a great Rock in three Clefts in Land supposed to be Common Land thence to a white Oak Stump and heap of Stones on Common Land thence on Common Land to a small Gray oak tree where the Road is now trod from thence on Common Land to it Crosses a piece of Land two Rods of Mr Abr m Temples thence Runs about Six Rods through Joseph Winchesters Land to a Stake and heap of Stones by the Road that Leads from Winchesters to Temples Road if Laid two Rods wide and the Bounds and Marks as Mentioned are all on the West side of s d Road Grafton November y
by order of the Select men of Grafton
Joseph Batchellor
Jno Dowling

March y 29 1763 this High way Read and Accepted
By the Town of Grafton
Mr Abraham Temple Refuseth
pay for said Road

Nathaniel Sherman Mod r

An Accompt of Joseph Meriam present Town Treasr
for the Town of Grafton — We the Subscribers being
this Day Met to Examine and See how Much Money
there is in the Treasury and we find there is Now
in the Treasury the sum of one Hundd fifty five pound
five Shillings and five pence or farthing Not paid
out as by the Town papers appear Grafton
Febr. ye 27 1764

Chrotel Brigham
Abr - Jenyle
Silas Wakin.
} Select for the Town of Grafton

Joseph Meriam Town Treasury
March ye 5 1764 Rect and Accepted by the Town of
Grafton — — Nath.l Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Ebenezer Cutler Constable for the Town of Grafton Greet
These are in his Majestys Name to Require you to Warn or Notifie all
the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of Sd Grafton to Meet and Assem
at the Meeting House in Sd Grafton on friday the tenth Day of June Nex
at two of the Clock in the after Noon on Sd Day to Act on the follow
Articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for Sd Meeting
2 To Chuse a Committee to Treat with the Courts Committee Respecting
the County Road from Worcester Through Grafton to Upton and
for Sd Committee to Apply themselves to the Quarter Sessions
if need be if they See Cause
3 for the Town to abate the Ratt of Solomon and Daniel Miller
Assessed on them in the year 1761 if they See Cause in the hands of Ebr
Cutler Late Constable
4 To Accept Town Debts
5 To abate the Ratt of Samuel Bigelo or any part there of if they See Cause
Hereof fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings
thereon to us or Some one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting
Grafton May ye 30: 1763

Abra Pengle } Select Men
Joseph Merian } for
Silas Wevrin } Grafton
Solomon Stow

Worcester ss in obedience to this Warrant I have
Warned the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of
Sd Grafton to Meet at time and place by posting
a Copy of this Warrant Agreable to a Vote of
the Town of Grafton Mr Ebr Cutler Jr Constable
Grafton June ye 10: 1763

Grafton June ye 10: 1763 the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of
Sd Grafton being Met at time and place Agreable to the Warrant
proceeded Viz 1 Chose Abra Pengle Moderator

Mr Solomon Pengle Lodged his
dissent against the Meeting

2 Put to Vote Whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Treat with
County Committee Respecting the County Road from Worcester Through
Grafton to Upton and Passed in the Affirmative
3 Voted to Chuse three for Sd Committee
Chose Ephr Merian
Chose Joseph Merian
Chose Jacob Whipple
4 Put to Vote Whether the Committee to Treat with the Honorable
Courts Committee Relating to the County Road through Grafton Shall
Petition to them or to the Sessions that Grafton Might not be Sepa
to any further Charge and Passed in the Negative
5 Put to Vote Whether the Town will abate three Shillings and Lower pay
of the Ratt of Solomon Miller Assessed on him in the year 1761 and Passed in the Affirmati
6 Put to Vote Whether the Town will abate the Ratt of Daniel Miller assessed on
him the year 1761 in the hands of Ebr Cutler late Constable and Passed in the Affirmative
7 Put to Vote Whether the Town will abate the Ratt of Samuel Bigelo
and Passed in the Negative

Abra Pengle Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Simon Brooks Constable for the Town of Grafton
Greeting you are hereby Required in his Majestys name to Warn
(2) or Notifie all the freeholders and other Votable inhabitants of
this Town to meet at the meeting house in Grafton on Friday
ye 22 day of this Instant July at four of the Clock after noon Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for s.d Meeting
2 To Read the Minds of the Town Relating to a Neck Proposed County
Road from the House of Josiah Rawson by the House of Hez.kiah Taylor
And through Wheelers and Thurstins Land in to the Town Road by
Hezekiah Wards Land and to Chuse a Committee to Represent to the
Court of Sessions the Great Cost the same will put the Town to
with out any Benifit to the Town and to Vote there Intrest that
the said Road be not Laid out
3 To see what the Town will Allow Capt Jonathan Fay for the Road
the County Committee Laid out through his Land in Grafton
4 To see what the Town will Allow Thomas Grover for the Road the
County Committee Laid out through his Land in Grafton

Grafton July ye 4: 1763

Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant With your
Doings to us or Som one of us at or Before the Hour of Meeting

In Pursuance of this Warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants in Grafton to Meet at the Time and Place According to this Warrant by Posting a Copy of the Warrant at the Meeting House in s.d Grafton July ye 22 d: 1763

Simon Brooks Constable

Abra.m Temple, Joseph Merriam, Solomon Ward, Silas Warrin — Select Men for Grafton

The freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of s.d Grafton Met July ye 22: 1763 agreable to the Warrant

Choose Joseph Merriam Moderator for s.d Meeting

2 Put to Vote to Read the Minds of the Town Relating to a Neck proposed County Road from the House of Josiah Rawsons by the House of Hez.kiah Taylors and through Wheelers and Thurstins Land in to the Town Road by Hez.kiah Wards Land and to Chuse a Committee to Represent to the Court of Sessions the Great Cost the same will put the Town to with out any Benifit to the Town and to Vote there Intrest that the said Road be not Laid out and Passed in the Affirmative

3 Voted to Chuse three for s.d Committee

Choose Ephriam Sherman
Choose Jacob Whipple
Choose Mark Batchellor
for s.d Committee

Hezekiah Ward Dissents Against Ephriam Sherman Being one of s.d Committee

Joseph Merriam Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenr Cutler junr Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeti
You are hereby Required in his Majestys Name to Warn or Notifie all the
freeholders and other Votable Inhabitents of this Town to Meet at the Meeting
House in Grafton on Monday the Twelth day of September Next at one of
the Clock in the After Noon to act on the following Viz
1 to Chuse a Moderator for s.d Meeting
2 To Grant the Revd Mr Hutchinson his Sallary for this present year
3 tol see whether the Town will Raise Money to Repair the Meeting House
4 to Raise Money for to Defray Town Charges
5 for the Town by a Vote to order the Assessors to put the Town and
County Rate in to one Rate if they see Cause
6 for the Town if they see Cause to take the affair of the County R
to be Laid thro' Grafton by the Honble Committee Appointed by the Co
And if they see Cause to Signifie their Desire to Continure the County R
where the Committee Laid it out Last year or thro' the Land of Jon
Wheelock or thro' Burnt Swamp and to Chuse a Committee to Shew the
Request of the Town to the Court Committee Where they would have it Lai
7 Whether the Town will Abate Any part of the Rate of Samll Bigelo in
hands of Ebenr Cutler Late Constable for the Town of Grafton
8 to Accept of Town Debt
Here of fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant with your doings
therein unto one or More of us before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton
August the 26: 1763.

Charles Brigham
Joseph Merriam
Solomon Stow
Silas Warrin
Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss Pursuent to this Warrant I have Warned or Notified the freeholders
and Votable Inhabitents of Grafton to Meet at Time and Place of Within Mentioned
By Posting a Copy of this Warrant Agreable to a Vote of the Town of Grafton
September ye 12 1763 pr — Ebenr Cutler junr Constable for the Town of Grafton

Grafton September ye 12: 1763 the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents
of Grafton Being Met at Time and Place Agreable to the Warrant
Proceed —

1 Choose Corn Nathaniel Sherman Moderator for said Meeting
2 Voted to Grant the Revd Mr Hutchinson Sallary the present year
3 by a Vote Granted Sixty Pounds to the Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinson
for his Sallary the present year
4 Voted to Pass over the Article Relating the Raising Money to Repair
the Meeting House
5 By a Vote Granted the Sum of thirty Pounds to pay town Debt the
present year for the Use and Benefit of the School
6 By a Vote Dismist the Article in the Warrant relating the Town
having the County and Town Rate put in to one Rate —
and Not Act any further upon it

Voted to Act on the sixth Article (135) in the Warrant Relating to the County Road

2 Put to Vote for the Town if they See Cause to take the affair of the County Road to be Laid thro: Grafton by the Honorable Committee Appointed by the Court and if they See Cause to Signifie their Desire to Continue the County Road where the Committee Laid it out Last year and Passed in the Affirmative

3 Put to Vote if it if not Consistent to the Honorable Committee to Lay it where it if Nad trod to Lay it through Ebenr Wheelers Land and Passed in the Negative

4 Put to Vote if it if not Consistent to Lay it where it if nad Trod to Lay it thro Burnt Swamp and Passed in the Affirmative

1 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Lay these Votes Before the Courts Committee

2 Voted to Chuse three for s Committee

3 Choose Jacob Whipple
4 Choose Samuel Warrin
5 Choose Ebenr Wheelor

} Towns Committee

6 Put to Vote Whether the Town will abate the Rate of Samuel Bigelo in the hands of Ebr Cutler and Joseph Willard Late Constables or Any part of them and Passed in the Negative

Mr Solomon Prentice Dissents against the Towns Acting Any thing Upon the 6th Article in this Meeting Because said Article if Without form and Void Because he will have no hand in Reflecting Upon the Honorable Court or the Committee as he apprehends said Article Do

Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

Mr Solomon Prentices Dissent Against the Meeting September ye 12 - 1763

To the Select men of Grafton Gent men these are to Informe you I have taken in to my house a Boy from Westborough Named Samuel Whitney about Seventeen years old and I Expect him to Live with me till he Comes to the age of Twenty one years and as to his Circumstances I Believe small the Said Samuel Whitney Came to my house the 25th Day of this Instant April

Grafton April ye 28: 1763

Silas Warrin

Westborough April ye 25 1763 We the Subscribers on the day above said Met with the Select men of Grafton and Perambulate the Line Betwen the Town and have Renewed the Bounds Joseph Merriam Solomon Stow Select men for Grafton — Clinchas Hardy Select men for Westborough

Upton May ye 2d 1763 then We the Subscribers Met the Select men of Grafton and have Perambulated the Line Between the Towns of Upton and Grafton and Renewed the Bounds of the Said Lines —

Abiel Sadler } Select men of Upton
Wilson Rawson }

To the Select men of Grafton these May Certify you that We have Appointed Mr Clinchas Hardy one of the Select men and Mr Joseph Grout to Joyn with you to Perambulate the Line Between our Town and yours Westborough April ye 6: 1763 per order of the Select men Jnr Bond Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenezer Cutler jr Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

In his Majestys Name you are Hereby Required to Warn or notifie the freeholders and Notable Inhabitents of this Town that are Qualified according to Law to Vote in Town affairs to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday the Ninth day of January next at one of the Clock in the after-noon on said Day to act on the following Articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2 for the Town if they See Cause to Grant to John Maynard What the Court Court ordred that said Maynard Should have for the County Road they Laid through his Land last year

3 for the Town to hear and Consider of the petition of a number of the Inhabitents of Mendon for a new County Road from Mr Peter Holbrooks Mills in Upton to Mr Josiah Rawsons in Grafton which petition Bears Date — October y 26 1763 and for the said Town to Appoly to the Honorable Court of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Worcester on the first Tuesday of February Next in Such Way and Manner as the Town Shall think Proper to Give the Reasons of the said Town why the Prayer of said petition Should not be Granted

4 for the Town if they See Cause to hear and Consider of the petition of Abr Temple Bearing Date August y 17 1763 and to act on it in Such Way and Manner as the Town Shall think Proper

Hereof fail not and Make Due Return of this Warrant with your doings Herein at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated Grafton December y 26 1763

Charles Brigham
Abraham Temple
Joseph Merriam
Silas Warren
} Select men for Grafton

Grafton ss Jan y 9th 1764 Agreable to the within Written Warrant I have Accordingly Notified and Warned the said Notable Inhabitents by Setting Up at the Usual Place for Twelve Days — My said Warning Including a Copy of all the Articles in the said Warrant —

Ebenezer Cutler Junr Constable for Grafton

Grafton January ye 9: 1764 (137) the freeholders and Votable
Inhabitents of said Grafton being Met at Time and Place
Agreable to the Wawant provided Viz
1 Choose Abraham Temple Moderator for said Meeting
2 Put to Vote Whether the Town will apply to the Honorable
Court of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Worcester
on the first Tuesday of February Next Why the prayer of the
petition from Marden Bearing Date October ye 26 1763 should
Not be granted and passed in the Affirmative
3 Voted to Chuse A Committee to go to the said Court to Give the
Reasons of the said Town Why the prayer of said petition should
Not be Granted
4 Voted to Chuse three for said Committee
5 by a Vote Choose Epharim Sherman
6 by a Vote Choose Ebenezer Wheelor
7 by a Vote Choose Joseph Merriam
8 Voted that any one of said Committe shall Apply to said
Court of Sessions to Give the Reasons of the said Town Why
the prayer of said petition should not be granted
9 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Defend Against the petition
of Abraham Temple Bearing Date August ye 17: 1763 at the
Next Court of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at
Worcester on the first Tuesday of February next
10 by a Vote Choos James Leland jun^r
11 by a Vote Choos Tim^o Darling } for said Committee
12 by a Vote Choos Hezekiah Ward
13 Granted to John Maynard Twelve pounds for Damage for
the County Road the Court Committee Laid thro his Land

Abraham Temple Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Simon Brooks Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
In his Majesty's Name you are hereby Required to Notifie and Warn all the
freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of the Town of said Grafton to Assemble
and Meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton On Monday the fourth day
of March Next at Eight of the Clock in the forenoon on said day to Act
on the following Articles - Viz
To Chuse A Moderator for said Meeting
To Chuse Town Officers for the Current year of the Law Direct
To Chuse Overseers of the Poor and to take Care of Idle Negligent persons
and to put them into Business
To See how the Town will order the School for the Current year and How
they would provide a School Master
To See if the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large the Ensuing year
for the Town of Grafton to order How the Roads and ways shall
be Mended for the present year

Town over

7 For the Town to Order what they will Allow for Labour in Repairing and Mending High ways for the present year Viz for a man and Team

8 To accept of a List of Jury men Agreable to the Late Act of Court

9 To Reave the Report of the present Town Treasurer

10 For the Town if they See Cause to Grant Money to pay for Mending High ways in the aforesaid Town for the present year

11 To accept of Town Debts

12 Whether the Town will Employ Mr. Solomon Prentice to Teach a Grammar School in the Town of Grafton Under Such Restrictions & Limitations and at Such Places as a Committee Chosen by the Town Can agree with him for

13 To See if the Town will Raise Money to Repair the Meeting House and if they See Cause to fill the roome that the Two Lower Seats Stands in the Body of the Meeting House on Each Side of the Broad Alley to the Highest Bidders the Surplus arising therefrom to be Used for the Repairing the Meeting House in said Town

14 ly For the Town to Dismiss all the Committees Chosen by the Town Relating to the County Road Excepting the Last Committee Chosen by the Town for that purpose: Likewise any Committee or Committees Chosen for any Particular Way or Ways if they See Cause

15 ly Whether the Town will abate the High Way Rate of Mathl. Whitmore in the hands of Ebenezer Cutler Late Constable for the Town of Grafton

Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us or some one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting

Dated at Grafton Febr. ye 10: 1764

Charles Brigham
Abraham Temple
Joseph Meriam
Silas Wain
Select men for the Town of Grafton

By Virtue of this Warrant I have warned the freeholders and Votable Inhabitants in Grafton by posting a Copy of the Warrant at the Meeting House in said Grafton to meet According to time and place within Mentioned
Mereh ye 5: 1764 Simon Brooks Constable

Grafton March ye 5: 1764 the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of Said Grafton Being Met at time and place Agreable to the Warrant proceeded Viz

By a Vote Choose Cor. Mathl. Sherman Moderator for Said Meeting

Voted to Chuse Two Wardens for the Current year

Choose Capt John Goulding Choose Capt Noah Brooks Wardens

Voted to Chuse five Select men for the Current year Choose Sylvanus Sherman Choose Joseph Batchello Choose Deacon Joseph Meriam Choose Capt John Goulding Choose Capt Noah Brooks Select men for the Current year

Choose Simon Darling Town Clerk for the Current year

Choose Deacon Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer for the Current year

Voted to Chuse Two Constables for the Current year

Choose Hezekiah Ward Constable for the Current year for the South side of the River

Choose Peter Brooks Constable for the Current year for the North side of the River

Then by a Vote Adjourned their Meeting for one Hour then to meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton

Mathl. Sherman Moderator

Grafton March ye 5 1764 by Adjournment met Again at time & place Proceeded Voted to Chuse three Assessors for the Current year Chose Capt John Goulding Chose Simon Darling Chose Joseph Batchelder

Voted to Chuse two Fything Men (139) for the Current year Choos Eldr Sadler
Choos Hezekiah Taylor Fything Men

Voted to Chuse five Surveyors of Highways for the Current year Choos Jacob Whipple
Choos John Maynard Choos Daniel Willard Choos Josiah Rawson Choos
Hezekiah Taylor

Choos Thomas Sowry Jr and Mark Batchelder Deer Reifs

Voted to Chuse five Hogreefs Choos Col Nathll Sherman Choos Ansh Wait
Choos Williard Holbrook Choos Benja Goddard Choos Eldr Flagg Jun

Voted to Chuse two fence Viewers Choos Hezr Taylor Choos Benja Rockwood Jr

Voted to Chuse two five Wards Choos Joseph Goodall Choos Joseph Whipple

Choos Phinehas Rice
Choos Capt Thomas Drury } Hy Wards for the Current year

Choos Deacon Abner Stearns Sealer of Leather

Choos Nathll Sartell Prentice Surveyor of Hoops

Choos David Fosdick Surveyor of Shingles

Voted not to Vote Whether the Town will Chuse Overseers of the Poor and passed in the Negative

Voted not to Vote Whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Provide and order the School the present year and passed in the Negative

Voted not to Vote Whether the Town will Leave the Whole Affair of the School to the Select men the present year and passed in the Affirmative

Voted not to Vote Whether the Town Will Let the Swine Run at Large the present year and passed in the Affirmative

Voted to Have the High Ways Mended the present year by a Rate

By a Vote granted sixty Pounds to pay for Mending High Ways the present year

By a Vote the Town Accepted of Benja Austin to serve as Constable in the Place of Peter Brooks

Voted not to Vote Whether the Town Will Raise Money to Repair the Meeting House and passed in the Affirmative

Voted not to Vote Whether the Town Will Sell to the Highest Bidder the Seats in the Meeting House as it Mentioned in the Warrant and passed in the Negative

Voted not to Vote Whether the Town will Dismiss John Maynard from Serving as Surveyor of High ways the present year and passed in the Negative

Voted not to Vote Whether the Town will Reconsider the Vote in Chusing the Select men Manage the whole Affair of the School the present year and passed in the Negative

Then Proceeded to Audit Town Debts

By a Vote Allowed to Capt John Gooding for High way work Last year £11-6-4

By a Vote Allowed to Moses Hemmenway for High way work Last year £12-17-3½

By a Vote Allowed to James Leland Jr for High way work Last year £4-18-4½

By a Vote Allowed to Luke Drury for High way work Last year £6-11-10

By a Vote Allowed to Ebenezer Sadler for High way work Last year £5-18-3

By a Vote Allowed to Elisha Brigham for High Way work Last year £4-12-2

Turn over to the other side

The Town By a Vote Allowed to Aaron Kimball for providing a School Master and Boarding him Last year — £6-13-9

By a Vote Allowed to Hezekiah Taylor for providing and Boarding a School Master Last year — £9-15-

By a Vote allowed to Hezekiah Ward for providing and Boarding a School Master Last year — £3-17-

By a Vote Allowed to Phinehas Leland for providing and Boarding a School Master Last year — £3-10-

By a Vote Allowed to Eph.m Sherman for providing and Boarding a School Master Last year — £1-16-2

By a Vote Allowed to John Sherman for providing and Boarding a School Master Last year — £4-13-0

By a Vote Allowed to Ebr Cutler the sum of — £0-5-10
More than his High Way Rate Bill that he paid to Town Treasur

By a Vote Allowed to Coll Nath.l Sherman for keeping the Meeting House Last year — £0-12-

By a Vote Allowed to Charles Brigham Esqr for Making Rate — 0-4-
Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Joseph Merriam for keeping y.e Pound — 0-10-
Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Hezr Ward for Going to Worcester at Feb.r Court to Defend the Town against the petition of Hor Temple as followeth to Mr Putnam for his Assistance — 0-6-
To Time and Money Expd at said Court — 0-9-4

Sum Total — 0-15-5

By a Vote Allowed to Abner Stow for Making Rate Last year — 0-14-0

By a Vote Allowed to Joseph Merriam for Making Rate Last year — 0-14-

Then by a Vote Adjourned their Meeting to Monday the Twelfth Day of March Current at two of the Clock in the After noon and then to the Meeting House in said Groton. Nath.l Sherman Moderator

By Adjournment Met again at Time and place proceeded —
put to Vote whether the Town will Dismiss all the Towns Committees or Committees as Mentioned in the Warrant and Passed in the Negative

By a Vote Allowed to Hezekiah Ward Surveyor of High Ways for Work done at the High Ways Last year — £11-4-

By a Vote Allowed to Ebr Cutler Grave — 0-4
for Carrying Feble Boon to Nebridge Last year

By a Vote Allowed to Enoch Adams for pulling a Post Boy meeting House Last year & put Warrants on — 0-1-

By a Vote Allowed to Sim.n Darling for Docking Mabell and the French — 0-5-

Put to Vote whether the Town will Abate the High way Rate of Nathl Whitmore in the Hands of Ebr Cutler Late Constable and Passed in the Negative

Then by a Vote Adjourned their Meeting to Monday the Twenty fifth Day of March Next at three of the Clock in the after noon and then to Meet at the Meeting House in said Groton Nath.l Sherman Moderator

Groton May ye 21 1764 By Adjournment Met Again at Time and place Provided Viz By a Vote Allowed to James Lakin for — £0-3-
it Being for a Journey to Worcester at Feb.r Court Last

ant to Vote Whether the Town will abate the Highway Rates of Nathaniel Whitmore in the Hands of Eli Cullen Late Constable and Dismiss the Negative
Then by a Vote Agreed their Meeting for one Hour to the Meeting-House in
and Grafton
By a Vote Dismist Capt John Goulding from serving Warden
By a Vote choose Nath Stevens Moderator
By the Government meet again at Time and Place
By a Vote choose Mr Abner Stores Tything Man
By a Vote choose Deac Joseph Merriam Tything Man
By a Vote choose Samuel Chase } five Wards
By a Vote choose Noah Wheeler }

Worcester ss To Mr Hezekiah Ward Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in his Majesty Name to Warn all the freeholders
and Votable Inhabitants in the fourth Side of said Grafton that are in the
Valuation for the fourth Side of said Town for Last Year to Meet and Assemble
at the Meeting house in Grafton on Monday the twenty first Day of
this Instant May at four of the Clock in the After noon to Act on the
following Articles Viz
1st To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2dly For the Town if they See Cause to Chuse a Committee to petition to the Great
and General Court in behalf of the Town of Grafton that the Roads in said
Town of Grafton may be Confirmed as they were Laid out and Accepted by said Town
3dly For the Town if they See Cause to Chuse the Town Meetings Warned the present
Year by Posting as the Town Meetings were Last Year
4thly For the Town if they See Cause to Abate all the Town Rate of John Dodson
Assessed on him in the two Last Years
5thly For the Town if they See Cause to Abate the Rate of William Rickford in the
Hands of Joseph Willard our Late Constable
And hereof fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings Thereon
to one or more of us at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton
May ye 16 1764

Joseph Merriam
John Goulding
Noah Brooks
Joseph Batchelder
Select Men for Grafton

Worcester ss May ye 18: 1764 Pursuant to this Warrant I have Warned all the
Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants in My Precinct to Attend Time and
Place if Directed in this Warrant Hezekiah Ward Constable

Worcester ss To Mr Benj Thurston Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in his Majesty Name the Town for Notifie
all the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants in the north Side of said
Grafton that were in the Valuation for the North Side of the Town
for Last year to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in Grafton
on Monday the twenty first Day of this Instant May at four of the Clock in
the After Noon to Act on the following Articles
1st To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2dly For the Town if they See Cause to Chuse a Committee to petition to the
Great and General Court in behalf of the Town of Grafton that the
Roads in said Town of Grafton May be Confirmed as they were Laid out
and Accepted by said Town
3dly For the Town if they See Cause to have the Town Meetings Warned the present
Year By Posting as the Town Meetings were Last Year

Turn over

4 For the Town if they See Cause to Abate all the Rate of John Wesson Assessed on him in the Town Last years Just

5 For the Town if they See Cause to Abate the Rate of William Rice Town in the Hands of Joseph Willard Jun Late Constable

Here & fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings Hereon to one or More of us at or before the Hour of Meeting at Grafton May ye 8 1764

Joseph Merriam
John Goulding
Noah Brooks
} Select Men for Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton May ye 21: 1764 In obedience to the within Warrant I have Warned & Notified all the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of said Grafton as within Directed to Meet at time and place pr Benja Thurston Constable

Grafton May ye 21: 1764 the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of this Town Being Met at time and place Agreable to the Warrant proceeded

1 Chose Cornl Nathl Sherman Moderator for said Meeting

2 Voted to Chuse a Committee to petition to the Great and General Court as Mentioned in the Warrant and Passed in the Affirmative

3 Voted to Have the Town Meetings Warned the present year by Posting as they Were Last year

4 Put to Vote Whether the Town will abate the Town Rate of John Wesson as Mentioned in the warrant and Passed in the Affirmative

5 Put to Vote Whether the Town will Abate the Rate of Urbain Rice as Mentioned in the Warrant and Passed in the Affirmative

Nathl Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Benja Thurston Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting You are hereby Required in his Majesty's Name to Warn or Notifie all the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of Said Grafton to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in Said Grafton on Monday the Seventeenth Day of September Current at Two of the Clock in the After Noon on Said Day to act on the following Articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

2 To Grant to the Reverd Mr Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary for the present year

3 To Grant Money to pay Town Debts that have or May Arise in Said Town the present year

4 For the Town to Grant Money to Repair the Meeting House and to Apply it to that Use in such Way and Manner as the Town shall think Proper

5 For the Town if they See Cause to Let Jona Marbel have the Use of a Cow one year upon the Towns Cost

6 For the Town to Abate the Rate of Nathaniel Bowman Assessed on him in the year 1763 in the hands of Lot Cutler Junr Late Constable

for the Town to abate parte of the Rates of David Actill
Assessed on him in the year 1762 in the Hands of Joseph
Willard Junr Late Constable

Here of fail Not and make Return of this Warrent
with your Doings Herein to us or som of us at or before
the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton Septr ye 3d: 1764

Ephm Thomen } Select
Joseph Meriam } men
Joseph Batchelder } for
Noah Brooks } Grafton
John Grunding

Worcester ss in Obedience to this Warrant I have Posted
a Coppy thereof to Notifie or Warn the Inhabitents of the
Town of Grafton to Meet at Time and Place Dated at
Grafton September ye 4: 1764

Benjn Thurston Constable for the Town of Grafton

Grafton September ye 17: 1764 the Freeholders and Votabel
Inhabitents of said Town Being Meet at Time and Place
Agreeable to the Warrant proceeded Viz

By a Vote Choose Mr Samuel Warrin Modr for said Meeting

By a Vote Granted to the Revend Mr Aaron Hutchinson
Sixty pounds for his Sallary the present year

Ley. A Vote Granted Seventy pounds to pay Town Charges

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Leave the affair of
Repairing the Meeting House to the Select Men and
Passed in the Affirmative

Voted to have the Select Men provide a Cord for Jonathan
Marble so that he had only the Use of her for one year

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Abate the Rate of
Matthew Brosman as Mentioned in the Warrant and Passed Nigative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Abate parte of the
Rate of David Actill as Mentioned in the Warrent and
Passed in the Affirmative

Samuel Warrin Modr

Worcester ss To Mr Hezekiah Ward Constable for the Town of Grafton — — — Greeting

In his Majesty's Name you are hereby Required to Notifie and Warn all the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of the said Town of Grafton to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in s.d Grafton on Monday the fourth Day of March next at Eight of the Clock in the fore Noon on said Day to act on the following articles Viz.

1.ly To chuse a Moderator for said Meeting.

2.ly To chuse Town Officers for the Currant year as the Law Directs

3.ly For the Town to order How the School shall be kept the Currant year and How they will provide a School Master

4.ly To see if the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large the Currant y.r

5.ly For the Town of Grafton to order How the Roads and High Ways Shall be mended the Currant year

6.ly For the Town to order what they will allow for Labour in Repairing and Mending High Ways y.e Currant year Viz for a Man and Team

7.ly To accept of a List of Jury Men agreable to a late act of Court

8.ly To hear the Report of the present Town Treasury

9.ly to grant Money to pay for Mending High Ways the Currant year

10.ly To accept Town Debts

11.ly For the Town if they See Cause to abate the Rate Assigned upon Eph.r Sherman for Samuel Stors in the Hands of Simon Brooks Late Constable

12.ly For the Town if they See Cause to abate parte of the High Way Rate Assessed on Jonny Harrington in the y.r 1762

13.ly For the Town if they See Cause to abate all the Assessed on Jonny Harrington in the year 1764

14.ly For the Town of Grafton if they See Cause to Chuse a Committee To take Care of the Effects of the Old School House in said Grafton - and for said Committee to prosecute any Person or Persons that they Apprehend have Don any Damage to said School House Unless prevented by an Agreement

15.ly To see if the Town will Build a New School House and in What Way and Manner they will do it and Where they will Build it

16.ly To see if the Town will Chuse a Man to Petition to the General Court in behalf of the Town of Grafton that the Roads and High Ways in s.d Town may be Confirmed as they now Laid out and are on Record on the Town Book - Hereof fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to us or Some one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton Febr. y.e 8.: 1765

Eph.r Sherman
Joseph Merriam
Joseph Batchelder
John Goulding
Noah Brooks
} Select Men for the Town of Grafton

Worcester ss Febr. y.e 14.: 1765 In Obedience to the Warrant to me Directed I have warned all the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of this Town to meet at Time and Place Agreable to said Warrant by Posting a Copy of this Warrant agreable to the Town Vote

Hezekiah Ward one of the Constables for the Town of Grafton

Grafton March ye 4: 1765 the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Town of Grafton Being Met at time and place Agreable to the Warrant Proceeded Viz

Choose Cor Nathaniel Sherman Moderator for said Meeting

By a Vote Choose Ephriem Sherman Warden } for the Currant
By a Vote Choose Hezekiah Taylor Warden } year

Voted to Chuse five Select Men for the Currant year

By a Vote Choose John Sherman
By a Vote Choose Eph.r Sherman
By a Vote Choose Simon Brooks
By a Vote Choose Jim.s Darling
By a Vote Choose John Goulding
} Select Men

By a Vote Choose Jim.s Darling Town Clerk for the Currant year

By a Vote Adjourned the Meeting for One Hower then to Meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton Nath.l Sherman Mod.r

By Adjournment Met Again at time and place Proceeded

By a Vote Choose Deacon Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer

Voted to Chuse three Assessors for the Currant year

By a Vote Choose Samuel Wain Assessor for the Currant year

By a Vote Dismist Capt Samuel Wain from being an Assessor

By a Vote Choose Capt John Goulding Assessor for the Currant year

Voted to Vote Whether the Town will Reconsider their Vote in Chusing Assessors and Passed in the Affirmative

Voted to Chuse Two Constables for the Currant year

By a Vote Choose Mosel Harrington Constable

By a Vote Choose Thinchap Leland Constable

Voted to Chuse all the Rest of Town Officers by hand Vote

By a Vote Choose Daniel Grout Fighting Man

By a Vote Choose Mosel Whipple Fighting Man

Voted to Chuse five Surveyors of High Ways

By a Vote Choose Eph.r Sherman Junr

By a Voter Choose Elijah Drury

By a Vote Choose Jacob Stevens

By a Vote Choose Benj.a Thurston

By a Vote Choose Benj.a Goddard

Voted to Chuse five Hog Reifs (46) for the Current year
By a Vote Choose Nath.l Sherman jun.r
By a Vote Choose Capt Samuel Wareing
By a Vote Choose David Woodworth
By a Vote Choose Joseph Willard jun.r
By a Vote Choose Nath.l Prentice

Choose Cor Nath.l Sherman and Elisha Rice fence Veuers
Choose Hez Wood and Joseph Goddell fire Wards
Choose Hez.r Fader and Nath.l Whitney Beer Ricers
Choose Israel Stevens and Abner Stone Fiel Driuers
Choose Jon.a Abner Stone Saler of Leather
Choose Nath.l Prentice Sugaer of Hoops
Choose David Fowbush Sugaer of Shingles and Clabord
Choose Luke Drury Sugaer of Wheat
Voted to Chuse a Committee to Order the Whol affair of the Schoall the Current year
Voted to Chuse five for said Committee
Choose David Fowbush Lt.r Sherman Ezekiel Brigham
Israel Stevens Joseph Willard jun.r
Voted to Let the Swine Run at Large
Accepted of a List of four Men Viz Benj.a Leland Joseph Willard
Elisha Brigham Nathaniel Hudson and Selected out Benj.a Leland
for the Superior Box
Voted by a Vote Adjourned the Meeting to Monday the 11 day of March Current at one of the Clock in the after Noon on said day to the Meeting House in said Grafton

Nath.l Sherman Modorator

Grafton March the 11th 1765 By Adjournment Met again at time and place Provided Voted to have the High ways Mended the Current year by a Rate Maid by the Last year Valuation
Voted to have the Rate Made by the Last day of April Next
By a Vote Granted Sixty Pound to pay for Mending High Ways the present year
Allowed to James Hennington four Shillings and Eight Pence of High Way Rate Assessed on him in the year 1762
By a Vote abated all all the Rates assessed on James Hennington for the year 1764

By a Vote Allowed to Eph[r] Sherman five pence three farthings
Assessed on him for Jasmuel Fox in the yeare 1764
Allowed to Samuel Wamin Geo Taylor and Abner Stevens twelve
shillings that they paid to Silas Wamin for over Rateing him
when they were Assessors
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Take
Care of the Affair of the Old School House as Mentioned in the
Warrant and passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Chuse three for said Comm[tee]
and passed in the Affirmative
By a Vote Chose Silas Wamin } School House Committee
By a Vote Chose Phinehas Rice
By a Vote Chose Samuel Wamin
By a Vote the Town Accepted of Nathaniel Prentice to Serve
Constable in the Roome of Phinehas Leland
Voted to Allow Each Man for Labour at the High Ways Down
Now to the Last of September Next Two Shillings and Eight pence
pr Day and One Shilling pr Day for a Span of Oxen and
Eight pence per Day for a Carte
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Build a School House and
passed in the Negative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Chuse a Man to Petition
to the Great and General Court in behalf of the Town of Grafton
that the Roads and High Ways in said Town of Grafton May be Confirmed
by said Court as they Were Laid out and are on Record on
the Town Book of Records and passed in the Affirmative
By a Vote Chose John Sherman to Petition to the Great and General
Court in behalf of the Town of Grafton that the Roads and High Ways
in said Town of Grafton May be Confirmed as they were Laid out
and Are on Record on the Town Book of Records

Nath[ll] Sherman Moderator

Allowed to Joseph Batcheller 0 - 12 - 0 for Making Hatt
Allowed to Jacob Whipple - - 5 - 14 - 0 for Service Done about y[e] County Road
Allowed to Benj[a] Hills 0 - 4 £ for Nails & Mend y[e] Meeting House
Allowed to John Prentice 6 - 17 £ for Keeping School & Boarding
Allowed to Mark Batchellis 0 - 14 0 for Service Done about the County Road
Allowed to Lieut John Gooding 0 - 15 - 0 for Making Hatt
Allowed to Nath[ll] Dealing 0 - 12 - 0 for Making Hatt
Allowed to Deacon Joseph Merriam 0 - 12 - 0 for Keeping Town Accompt

Allowed to Dea Joseph Merriam	2 - 4 - 8	for Service don about ye Court Ro
Allowed to Dea Abner Stow	5 - 0 - 0	for keeping School & boarding
Allowed to Lieu Wheeler	4 - 10 - 2	for Service don about the Court Ro
allowed to the Select Men	4 - 0 - 0	for a Cord to set to for a Marble
Allowed to the Select Men	3 - 11 - 3 - 1	for Mending Meeting House
Allowed to Eph Sherman	1 - 9 - 4	for Service don about ye County Ro
Allowed to Co. Matth. Sherman	0 - 12 - 0	for Swaping ye Meeting House
Allowed to Eph. Sherman	4 - 16 - 8	for Schooling & Boarding
Allowed to Eph. Sherman	1 - 14 - 8	for Service don about ye County Road
Allowed to the Select Men	6 - 10 - 0	for Schooling by the Hands of Silas Bigelow
Allowed to Silas Wanier	12 - 0 - 6	for High way Work
Allowed to John Maynard	8 - 11 - 8	for High way Work
Allowed to Josiah Lawson	18 - 4 - 8 - 3	for High way Work
Allowed to Daniel	16 - 9 - 0 - 0	for High way Work
Allowed to Jacob Wright	12 - 12 - 5	for High way Work

Grafton March ye 11 1765 the above Account Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton Matth. Sherman Moderator

Grafton March ye 1 1765 We having Looked into the State of the Town Treasury we find at Feb. 27 1764 - there was in the Treasury the sum of one Hundred fifty five pounds five shillings Five Pence one farthing and we find there has been Lent & ordered in to the Treasury 590 - 9 - 0 pounds out of which has been paid out the sum of 157 - 9 - 0. and there is still in the Treasury £ 188 - 17 - 5 - 1 Exclusive of a Arrearage in the Hands of Co. Matth. Sherman Former Constable

Eph. Sherman, Joseph Batchelder, John Goulding, Noah Brooks — Select Men for the Town of Grafton

Joseph Merriam Town Treasurer

Grafton March 4. 1765 this Account Read & Accepted by the Town of Grafton Matth. Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Nathaniel (149) Prentice Constable for the
Town of Grafton Greeting You are Required in his Majesties
Name to Warn all the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants
of said Grafton to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House
in said Grafton on Monday the Twentyeth Day of May Current
at one of the Clock in the After Noon on said Day to Act
on the following Articles
1 To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
2 For the Town if they See Cause to Grant Liberty to Widow
Elisabeth Stors to Work out her Last year High Way Rate
this year
3 For the Town if they See Cause to Abate the Rates Assessed upon
Nathaniel Brayman in the hands of Ebr Cutler late Constable
4 for the Town if they See Cause to Vote to have the Town Meetings
Warned the Present year by Posting a Copy of the Warrants
as they Ware Last year
5 For the Town if they See Cause to Grant Liberty to Col Nathll
Sherman to Work out his High Way Rate as he agreed with
Mose Harington Late Surveyor of High Ways
Here of fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant to us or som
one of us the Subscribers at or before the Hour of Meeting
Grafton May ye 9: 1765

John Sherman
Eph: Sherman
Jim: Darling
} Select Men of Grafton

Worcester ss May 20 1765 agreable
to the within Warrant
Nathll Prentice Constable

Grafton May ye 20 1765 the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants
of said Town Met agreable to the Warrant — —
Chose Eph: Sherman Moderator
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Grant Liberty to Widow Elisabeth
Stors to Worke out her Last year High Way Rate this year and
Passed in the affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Abate the Rate Assessed upon Nathll
Brayman in the Hands of Ebr Cutler late Constable and Passed
in the negative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will have the Town Meetings Warned
the present year by Posting as they Ware Last year and Passed in
the affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Grant Liberty to Col Nathll
Sherman to Work out his High Way Rate as he agreed with
Mose Harington Late Surveyor of High Ways and Passed in
the Negative

Eph: Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Moses Hamington Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

(1) In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required to Warn or Notifie all the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of ye Grafton that are qualified According to Law to Vote in Town affairs to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday the Twenty third Day of September Currant at Two of the Clock in the afternoon on said Day to act on the following Articles Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 For the Town to Grant Money to pay Town Debts
3 For the Town to Grant to the Revend Mr Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary for the present year
4 For the Town if they See Cause to Abate all the Rats Assessed upon Paul Wheelock in the year 1764
5 For the Town to Abate if they See Cause the Rats Assessed upon Nathaniel Brayman in the hands of Jos Cutler Late Constable
6 For the Town if they See Cause to Allow to Cor Nathl Sherman pay for Blowing a Rock in the High Way as he Agreed with Moses Hamington Late Surveyor for said Town of Grafton Hereof fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant with your doings Herein to us or Some one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton Aforesaid the Second Day of Octr AD 1765 in the Fifth Year of his Majesties Reign King &c

John Sherman
Ephr Sherman
Simon Brooks
Jno Darling
} Select men for the Town of Grafton

I have Warned all the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of Grafton to Meet and Assembled at the time and place within Mentioned Grafton September ye 23: 1765 pr Moses Hamington Constable for Grafton

Grafton September ye 23: 1765 the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton Met at time and place agreable to the Warrant Proceeded
Chose Amos Adams Moderator for said Meeting
By a Vote Granted the Sum of Eighty pounds to pay Town Debts the present year
By a Vote Granted to the Revend Mr Aaron Hutchinson Sixty pounds for his Sallary the present year
By a Vote Allowed to Cor Nathaniel Sherman for Blowing a Rock as in the High Ways as he Agreed with Moses Hamington ~~to be Agreed~~ Late Surveyor of High Ways for

ut to Vote Whether the Town Will abate the Rates of Nath[ll] Brayman
in the Hands of Jon[a] Cutler late Constable and Passed in the Negative
ut to Vote Whether the Town Will abate all the Rate Assessed upon Jame
Wheelock in the Hands of Benj[a] Thurston Late Constable Which
Sum is £1. 2. 5-3 and Passed in the Affirmative Andrew Adams Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Nathaniel Bartel Prentice Constable for the
Town of Grafton Greeting
In his Majesty[s] Name you are hereby Required to Notifie and
Warn all the freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of said Town Grafton
to Assemble and Meet att the Meeting House in s[d] Grafton on Monday
the third day of March Next at Eight of the Clock in the fore Noon
on said day to Act on the following Articles Viz
To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
To Chuse Town officers for the Currant year as the Law Directs
for the Town to Order How the School Shall be Kept and how they Will Provide
a School Master the Currant year
For the Town to Order How the Roads and High Ways Shall be Mended the Currant
year and what they Will Allow per day for Labour in Mending said High Ways
Viz[t] for a Man and Team
For said Town to Let the Swine Run at Large the Currant year if they See Cause
For the Town of Grafton to Accept of a List of Jury Men Agreeable to a late Act of Court
To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer
To Grant Money to pay for Mending High Ways the Currant year
To Accept Town Debts
For the Town of Grafton to Chuse the Surveyors of High Ways Collectors of the High
Way Rate the Currant year if they See Cause
For the Town of Grafton to Bring in their Votes for a County Register as the
Law Directs
For the Town to have the Town Meetings Warned the Currant year by Posting
Copys of the Warrants as they Were Last year if they See Cause
For the Town if they See Cause to Give Order to the Selectmen to Rectifie the
High Way Account of Josiah Rawson that Was Accepted by said Town Last
March Meeting
For the Town if they See Cause to Abate the Rate Assessed on John Harmon in the
hands of Benj[a] Thurston Late Constable Hereof fail not and Make Return of
this Warrant With your doings Herein to us or Some one of us at or before the
time of Meeting Dated at Grafton February y[e] 10: 1766

John Sherman
Sylv[r] Sherman
Simon Brooks
Sim[o] Keyes
John Goulding
} Select men for the Town of Grafton

Worcester ss 3 March 1766 Pursuant to this Warrant I have Warned
the freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to Meet
at time and Place herein Mentioned by Posting

Nath[ll] Bartel Prentice Constable

Grafton March y^{e} 3^{d} 1766 the free (152) holders and Votable Inhabitents of
said Grafton Met agreable to the Warrant proceeded Viz
Choose Nathaniel Sherman Moderator for s^{d} Meeting
Choose Jen Abner Ford } Wardens for the Currant year
Choose Benj^{a} Goddard }
Voted to Chuse five Select Men for the Currant year
Choose Lieu^{t} Sherman Capt John Gording Simon Brooks Jen Joseph
Batchellor Sim^{o} Darling Select Men for the Currant year
Choose Sim^{o} Darling Town Clerk for the present year
Choose Jen Joseph Meriam John Heaping for the Currant year
then by a Vote Adjourned the Meeting for one Hour then to Meet at
the Meeting House in said Grafton Nath^{ll} Sherman Moderator
by Adjournment Met again at time and place proceeded Viz
Choose Robert Leath } Constable
Choose Nathaniel Ball Constable

Choose Capt John Gording
Choose Simon Brooks } Assessors for the Currant year
Choose Jen Joseph Batchellor

Choose Lieu^{t} Sherman Jun^{r}
Choose Thomas Drury Jun^{r} } Petting Men

Choose David Wadsworth
Choose Peter Brooks
Choose David Forbush
Choose Nath^{ll} Sherman Jun^{r}
Choose James Leland Jun^{r}
Choose John Maynard
Choose Nath^{ll} Whitney } Surveyors of High Ways for the Currant year

Choose Hezekiah Ward Daniel Willard Joseph Goodall Jacob Stevens
John Sherman Hog Riefs for the Currant year
Choose Clinches Rice and Nath^{ll} Sherman Fence Viewers
Choose Joseph Goodall and Hezekiah Ward Fire Wards
Choose Lieu^{t} Sherman and Noah Brooks Sealers Riefs
Choose Isaac Hannington and Abner Ford Field Drivers
Choose Abner Ford Sealer of Leather
Choose Nath^{ll} Dorr Juner Surveyor of Hoops
Choose Mark Batchellor Surveyor of Shingles and Clabords
Choose Luke Drury Surveyor of Wheat
Voted to Vote Whether the Town Will Chuse a Committee to order the Whole
affairs of the School as they Did Last year and Passed in the Affirmative

Then Voted to Chuse five for a Committee Choose Simon Brooks Mark Batchelder
Peter Fisk Moses Harrington Capt John Goodenow for said Committee
Put to Vote whether the Town will Chuse the Surveyors of High Ways
Collectors of the High Way Rate and passed in the Negative
Then by a Vote Adjourned their Meeting to Tuesday the fourth day of March
Currant at ten of the Clock in the fore Noon on said day to the Meeting
House in said Grafton — — — Nath[l] Sherman Moderator
By Adjournment Met again at Time and Place proceeded Viz
Put to Vote whether such persons as shall work out More this year
at the High Ways than their High Way Rate it shall stand as Credt
to his Next years High Way Rate and passed in the Affirmative
Voted to allow the same price for Labour at the High Way this year as
they did Last year
Granted Eighty pounds to pay for Mending High Ways this year
Put to Vote whether the Town Will Chuse two More Surveyors of
High Ways the Currant year and passed in the Affirmative
Choose Nathaniel Whitney } Surveyors of High Ways
Choose John Maynard
Put to Vote whether the Town Will have the Town Meetings Warned
the Currant year by posting Copyes of the warrant as they were
Last year and passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Give order to the Select men
to Rectifie the Mistake in the High Way Account of Josiah Rawsons
accepted by said Town Last March Meeting and passed in the Affirmative
By a Vote accepted of a List of Jury men Viz John Maynard Nath[l] S
Prentice Aaron Kimball Joseph Winchester
By a Vote the Town Selected out John Maynard for the Superiour Court
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will abate the Rate Assessed upon John
Parmater in the Hands of Benj[a] Thurston Late Constable passed in the Negative
By a Vote Allowed to Benj[a] Thurston fifteen pounds for damage of the
County Road Being Laid through his Land
By a Vote Allowed to Joseph Goodell three pounds for Damage of the
County Road Being Laid through his Land
By a Vote Allowed to Ebenezer Wheelor Eight pounds for Damage of
the County Road Being Laid through his Land
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Let the Swine Run at Large
the Currant year and passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Allow to Silas Wasin Shinchas Rice
and Samuel Wasin five pounds four Shillings for Money Expended as
a Committee about the Old School House and passed in the Affirmative

Nath[l] Sherman Mod[r]

Allowed to Benj[a] Thurston Surveyor for High Way Work £28 · 4 · 8
Allowed to Jacob Stevens Surveyor for High Way Work £22 - 2 · 10
Allowed to Elijah Drury Surveyor for High Way Work £10 - 14 · 11

Turn over

By a Vote Allowed to Ephr Sherman Jun Surveyor of High Ways £12 · 18 ·

By a Vote Allowed to Benj.a Goddard Surveyor of High Ways the Sum of £18 · 2 ·

Allowed to Ben Abner Stow for Schooling & Boarding - 10 · 3

Allowed to Simon Brooks for Making Rates - 0 · 12 ·

Allowed to Abner Stow for Schooling and Boarding — 4 · 19 ·

Allowed to Nath.ll Prentice for Carring the Town Writes and Measures to be Sealed — 0 · 8 ·

Allowed to Silas Warin for Boarding School Master Last year 0 · 6 ·

Allowed to John Sherman for Making Rates and Preambulating - 0 · 6 ·

Allowed to Ephr Sherman for Preambulating — — — 0 · 2 ·

Allowed to Capt John Goulding for Making Rates — — — 0 · 15 ·

Allowed to Lent Asael Stearns for Schooling — — — 4 · 12

Allowed to John Prentice and Joseph Willard Jun.r for Schooling 11 · 11

Allowed to Joseph Meriam for Keeping the Town Treasurey — 0 · 13 ·

Allowed to Silas Bigelo for Schooling 2 · 3

Allowed to Nath.ll Sherman for Keeping the Meeting House and Stocks for said Town 0 · 17 ·

Allowed to Tim.o Darling for Making Rates — — — 0 · 7 ·

Grafton Feb.y ye 24 1766 We the Subscribers have met this Day Met with Mr Joseph Meriam present Treasurey for the Town of Graf Grafton and have Enquired What sums of Money that has been Ordered in to the Treasurey since the Last Recon and we find there is Now in said Treasurey the sum of one Hundred Ninty four Pounds fifteen Shillings and three pen two farthings Not paid out

194 · 15 · 3 · 2

Ephr Sherman
John Sherman
Simon Brooks
John Goulding
Tim.o Darling
} Select Men Grafton

NB Exclusive of what is in the hands of Col.o Nath.ll Sherman former Constable

Joseph Meriam Town Treasurey

March ye 4: 1766 this Report Read and accepted by the Town of Grafton. Nath.ll Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Robert Leathe Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
In His Majesties Name you are hereby Ordered to Notifie and Warn all the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of s.d Grafton to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in s.d Town on Monday the fifteenth Day of July Currant at three of the Clock in the after Noon on said Day to act on the following Artic
1 to Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 for the Inhabitants of said Grafton to Give in their Votes for a County Register of Deeds and Conveyancer at the Land Office

for the Town to Vote if they See Cause to have the Damages
paid up to those perfons that Received Damage in the Town of
Boston Last year by means of the Mobe or Mobes

for the Town if they See Cause to Reeive of Mr. Eph.r Sherman
Seven pounds five Shillings it being a fine for Not Sending
a Representative Last year

for the Town if they See Cause to Empolay the Town Treasurer
to Borrow Money to pay Town Debts

for the Town if they See Cause to abate the Rate Assessed upon Nath.ll
Brayman in the Hands of Lbr Cutler late Constable

Here of fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant with
your Doings Therein to Us or Some one of us at or before
the Hour of Meeting Dated at Groton July y.e 7.: 1766

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me Eph.r Sherman Selectmen
Directed I have Warned and Notified John Gouldin for the
All the freeholders and other Votable Simon Brooks
Inhabitants of the Town of Groton to Joseph Cutler Town of
Assemble and Meet at the Time and place Nathl Darling Groton
for the purpose within mentioned by
posting a Copy there of Groton July y.e 6.: 1766 Robert Leathe Constable

Groton July y.e 16.: 1766 the freeholders and Votable Inhabitants
of Said Groton Met at time and place Agreable to the
Warrant proceed
Choose Nath.ll Sherman Moderator
Voted to Reeive of Mr. Eph.r Sherman Seven pounds five
Shillings Money the Town Was fined Last year for Not Sending
a Representative to the Great and General Court
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Abate the Rate Assessed
upon Nathaniel Brayman in the Hands of Lbr Cutler Late
Late Constable and Passed in the Affirmative
Voted that the Town Treasurer Shall Borrow Twenty
pounds to pay Town Debts
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will pay the Damages
those perfons in the Town of Boston Sustained Last
Year by means of the Mobe or Mobes and passed in
the Negative Nathaniel Sherman Moderator
Worcester ss to Mr. Nath.l Hall Constable for the Town of Groton Greeting
You are hereby Warned in his Majesty's Name to Warn or Notify
all the freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of Said Groton that
are Qualified According to Law to Vote in Town affairs to Meet
to Assemble at the Meeting House in Said Town on Wednesday
the Fifteenth Day of October Current at two of the Clock
in the after noon on Said Day to act on the following Articles viz

1st Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting
2 For the Town to Grant the Sd Mr Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary for the present year
3 to Grant Money to pay Town Debts
4 For the Town if they See Cause to Abate all or parte of the Rate Assessed upon James Harrington Last year
5 For the Town if they See Cause to abate the Rates of Cornelius Baker in the Hands of Hezr Ward Late Constable Hereof fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings Thereon to us or Some one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton Octr ye 1: 1766

In Obedient to the within Warrant I have Posted a Copy of the same thereby Warned the Town of Grafton to Meet at Time and place

Ephr Sherman
Joseph Batchellor
Simon Brooks
Timo Darling
John Goulding
Selectmen of Grafton

Grafton Octr ye 15: 1766

Natt. Hall Constable

October ye 15: 1766 the Freeholders and Volable Inhabitants of Grafton being Met agreable to the Warrant proceeded

By a Vote Chose Deacon Joseph Meriam Moderator

By a Vote granted Sixty pounds to the Sd Mr Aaron Hutchinson for his Sallary the present year

By a Vote granted Seventy five pounds to pay Town Debts

By a Vote abated all the Rates Assessed upon James Harrington Last year

Put to Vote Whether the Town will abate the Rates Assessed upon Cornelius Baker in the Hand of Hezr Ward Late Constable and Passed in the Negative

Joseph Meriam Moderator

Worcester ss To Robert Keath Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

In his Majesties Name You are hereby Required to Warn or Notifie all the Freeholders and Volable Inhabitants of Said Grafton that are Qualified according to Law to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in Said Grafton on Monday the first Day of December next at two of the Clock in the afternoon on Said Day to Act on the following Articles

To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting
To See if the Town will Give our Representative Any
Instruction in Making up the Damage the Honorable Thomas
Hutchinson Esqr and others Sustained the Last year in
the Town of Boston by the Mobs And for the Town to Act
in Such way and Manner as they Shall think Proper
2 For the Town if they See Cause to Make Some Allowence
to Mrs Sarah Grover on the Account of the County Road
Goin through her Land
Hereof fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant
With your Doings Here in to Me the Subscriber at or
Before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton
November ye 21: 1766 by order of the Select Men

Attst Jno. Durfee Town Clk

Worcester ss Grafton Dec.r ye 1: 1766 Persuant to the Within
Warrant to Me Directed I have Warned and Notified all
the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of Said Grafton
Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs (by Posting a Copy
of Said Warrant) to Meet at the Time and Place for the
Purpose Within Mentioned

Robert Leathe Constable

Grafton Dec.r ye 1: 1766 Agreeable to the Warrant the
Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of Said Grafton
being Met at Time and Place proceeded
By a Vote Chose Mr Sylv.r Sherman Moderator
Voted to Vote whether the will Have the Damages
Made up to those persons in the Town of Boston that
was Don Last year by the Mobs and Posted in the Newspapers
By a Vote Allowed to Mrs Sarah Grover Forty
Shillings for the County Road through her Land

Sylv.r Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Nath.l Hall Constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Ordered in his Majesty's Name to Warn or Notifie
all the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of Said Grafton that
are Qualified according to Law to Vote in Town affairs to
meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in Said Grafton
on Thursday the the Twenty fifth Day of December Current
at one of the Clock in the After Noon in Said Day to act on
the following Articles Viz

Transcribed

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting.
2 For the Town to abate the High Way Rate Assessed upon Josiah Rawson in the Hands of Nath.l Prentice Late Constable
3 To see if the Town will pay to Nathaniel Whitney for a Road Laid through his Land from the Lot Laid out to the Widow Harrington to the Land of Abn.a Temples
4 To see if the Town will pay to Thomas Axtell for a Road the Town Laid through his Land as by the Records in said Town may apear
5 For the Town to pay to Mosel Harrington for a Road the Town Laid through his Land as by the Records may apear in said Town
6 For the Town to pay to Eleazer Flagg for the Road the Town Laid through his Land for which he Claims that he Never had any Consideration for
7 For the Town to pay to Abn.a Temple for a Road the Town Laid through his Land as by the Records may apear in said Town
8 To see Whether the Town of Croftan will have a Road through Abrahm Temples Land from Westborough Line Near Joseph Grout to the River Lot (so called) Now possessed by Joseph Winchester

Here of fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant With your Doings Here in to us or Som one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Croftan December y.e 12.th 1766

John Goulding
Timo.y Dauling
Simon Brooks
Joseph Batchellor
} Select men for the Town of Croftan

In Persuant to the Within Warrant I have Warned the Town of Croftan to Meet at time and Place Within Mentioned by Posting a Copy of the Warrant Nath.l Ball Constable
Decem.r y.e 25 1766

Croftan December y.e 25 1766 the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of said Town being Met at time and place agreeable to the Warrant proceeded

1 Chose Nath.l Sherman Moderator for said Meeting
2 Put to Vote Whether the Town will abate the High Way Rate Assessed upon Josiah Rawson in the Hands of Nath.l Prentice Late Constable and Passed in the Affirmative
Then by a Vote Adjourned their Meeting to Thursday Next the first Day of January at two of the Clock in the After Noon on said Day then to Meet at the Meeting House in said Croftan

Nathaniel Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Robert Leathe Constable (159) for the Town of Grafton Greeting
In his Majesty's Name you are Hereby Required to Notifie and
Warn all the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of Said Town of Grafton
to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in Said Grafton on Monday
the Second day of March Next at Eight of the Clock in the forenoon
on Said Day to act on the following Articles — — — Viz
To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting
To Chuse Town officers for the Currant year as the Law Directs
For the Town to Order How the School Shall be Kept ye Currant year
and How they Will Provide a School Master
For the Town to order How the Roads and High Ways Shall be mended
the Currant year and What they Will allow for Labor at ye
High Ways Viz for Man and Team
For Said Town to Let the Swine Run at Large the Currant year
if they See Cause
For the Town of Grafton to Accept of a List of Jury Men agreable
to a Late Act of Court
To Hear the Report of the present Town Treasurey
To Accept Town Debt
For the Town if they See Cause to abate the Remainder of
Robert Leages High Way Rate Assessed upon him in the year
1766 in the Hands of Joshua Taft Late Constable
For the Town if they See Cause to Vote to have the Burying
Place in Said Grafton Fenced in: in Such Way and
Manner as they Shall Think Proper
For the Town if they See Cause to Chuse a Committee to
Seat the Meeting House in Said Grafton
Hereof fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant with
your Doings Herein to us or Som one of us at or before
the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton Feb: ye 12: 1767

Simon Brooks
Joseph Batchelder
Jim: Darling
Select men for the Town of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton Feb. ye 28: 1767 Pursuant to the Within
Warrant to me Directed I have Warned and Notified all the
Freeholders and other Votable Inhabitants of Said Grafton to Meet
at time and Place for the purpose Within Mentioned by
Posting a Copy of the Said Warrant
Attest Robert Leathe Constable of Grafton

Grafton March ye 2d: 1767 (16) the Freeholders and Voteable
Inhabitents of said Town of Grafton Being Mett at Time
and place Agreable to the Warrant Proceeded Viz
Choose Den Joseph Batcheller Moderator for D Meeti

Choose Den Joseph Batcheller } Wardens for the Current yea
Choose Joseph Willard Jur }

Voted to Chuse five Select men
Choose Den Joseph Batcheller
Choose John Sherman
Choose Jim.s Darling
Choose David Forbush
Choose Joel Brooks
} Select Men for the year 1767

Choose Jim.s Darling Town Clerk
Choose Den Joseph Meriam Town Treasurey
By a Vote Choose John Goulding Constable
By a Vote Choose James Whipple Constable and Sworn
Then by a Vote Adjourned their Meeting for one Hour and half
Hour then to Meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton
Joseph Batcheller Moderator
By Adjournment Mett Again at Time and place Provi
By a Vote Choose Jonathan Hall Constable and he is Sworn

Voted to Chuse three Assessor
Choose Den Joseph Batcheller
Choose Capt Samuel Warrin
Choose Simon Brooks
} Sworn Assessors for the Curre year —

Choose Aaron Brigham
Choose Eb.r Fowler
} Fyfeing Men and Sworn

Voted to Chuse Seven Surveyors of High ways for the Current year
Choose Jonathan Stone
Choose Aaron Kimball
Choose Lieut Phinehas Leland
Choose Daniel Grout
Choose Eph.m Newman Jun.r
Choose John Sherman
Choose Hezekiah Taylor
} Surveyors of High Ways And all of them Sworn

Voted to Chuse five Hog Reeves Choose Benj.a Rockwood for Choose James Hennington Choose Peter Fish Choose Nath.l Hudson Choose Simon Whipple
All of them Sworn

Choose Mr Phinehas Rice } Fence Viewers
Choose Mr Nath[l] Sherman } Sherman is sworn

Choose Joseph goodall } 3 pr Wards
Choose Hez[r] Ward }

Choose Thomas Artill } Sealer Weights sworn
Choose Hez[r] Ward }

Choose Alex[r] Brown } Field Drivers
Choose Phinehas Leland }
Choose Ens Abner Stow Sealer of Leather

Choose Jacob Stevens Surveyor of Hoops Cabends. Clapboards & Shingles — sworn
Choose Mr Nath[l] Sherman Surveyor of Wheat — — — sworn

Voted to Chuse a Committee to order the whol affair of the School the Currant year and to provide a School Master
Voted to Chuse five for said Committee

Choose Joseph Winchester Esqr
Choose Charles Brigham Esqr
Choose Jacob Wheelock
Choose Nath[l] Prentice
Choose Silas Warren
} School Committee for the year 1767

Voted to have the High Ways Mended and Kept in Repair this year as they were Last year and the same price for Man and Team at the same Season of the year.

Voted to Let the Swine Run at Large the Currant year

Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men to Seat the Meeting House in said Grafton

Choose Capt John Goulding
Choose Lieut Abraham Brown
Choose Lieut Phinehas Leland.
Choose Mr. Andrew Adams
Choose Mr. Silas Warren
} A Committee to Seat the Meeting House in Grafton in y[e] year 1767

Then by a Vote Adjourned the Meeting to Monday the Ninth Day of March Currant at one of the Clock in the After Noon then to Meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton Joseph Batcheller Moderator

Paxton March ye 9 1767 By Adjournment Met again at ye
and place proceed to Accept of Town Debts

By a vote Allowed to Amos Woodworth Last year Surveyor of High ways Sum Total £7 1
By a vote Allowed to David Forbush Last year Surveyor of High ways Sum Total £10 1
By a vote Allowed to John Maynard Last year Surveyor of High ways Sum Total £15 1
By a vote Allowed to Jamy Leland Last year Surveyor of High ways Sum Total £6 2
By a vote Allowed to Nath.l Sherman jun.r Last year Surveyor of High ways Sum Total £21 11
By a vote Allowed to Peter Brooks Last year Surveyor of High ways Sum Total £14 12
By a vote Allowed to Nath.l Whitney Last year Surveyor of High ways Sum Total £16 0
By a vote Allowed to Peter Josh for providing the Town School Last year £7 13
By a vote Allowed to Simon Brook for Making Rates — — — — 0 17
By a vote Allowed Mark Batchellor for providing School Last year — 5 1
By a vote Allowed Joseph Batchellor for Making Rates Last year 0 6
By a vote Allowed John prentice for Schooling Last year 11 3
By a vote Allowed Joseph Merriam for Keeping the Sheepmens Last year 0 14
By a vote Allowed to Elisabeth Avery for David Axtell Highway work one day 0 2
By a vote Allowed John Sherman for petitioning to the General Court for to have the Roads Confirmed 0 18
By a vote Allowed Capt John Gooding for Making Rates — 0 17
By a vote Allowed Robert Leathe for Carring Samuel Herd out of Town 0 16
By a vote Allowed Sim.o Darling for perambulating town line 0 2
By a vote Allowed Simon Brooks for Schooling Last year 5 11
By a vote Allowed John Cutler for Mending the Meeting House Glass £1 2
By a vote Allowed Col Nath.l Sherman for taking Care of ye Meeting House and Mending the Pound 0 15

Then put to Vote Whether the Town will leave the Highway Rate made this year by the Last years Valuation and leave the Assessors Made the Rate on or before the Month of June Next and it passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town will fence the Burying place in the fence all Round it and passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Dispose Fence in the Burying till May Meeting so that Col. Nath.l Sherman May do the fence on the Road as he proposed here to fore and passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote whether the Town Abate the Highway Rate Assessed upon Robert Blagg in the Hands of Joshua Pratt Late Constable and passed in the Affirmative

By a vote Accepted of a List of Jury Men viz Robert Leathe Peter Josh Jonathan Hall James Whipple and Selected out Peter Josh for Superior Court

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Release Capt John Gooding from the fine for not serving as Constable this year and passed in the Affirmative

Joseph Batchellor Moderator

We the Subscribers have this Day Met with Den Joseph Meriam Treasr. for the Town of Grafton. And have Examined What Sum of Money that hey Ordered in to the Treasury since the Last Reckoning and have paid the Treasury Twenty Pounds Money he Borrowed by Order of the Town and the Interest — And we find their still Remains in the Treasury the Sum of two Hundred pound Seventeen Shillings and ten pence

Grafton Febr. ye 27.: 1767

John Goulding
Simon Brooks
Joseph Batcheller
} Select men for the Town of Grafton

NB Exclusive of an old Arraige in the Hands of Ebr Nath.l Sherman former Constable

£200 -17- 10 Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer

March ye 9.: 1767 this Report Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton — Joseph Batcheller Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr. Jonathan Hall Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting You are Hereby Required in his Majesties Name to Warn all the Freeholders and other Votable Inhabitants of Sd Grafton that are Qualified According to Law to Vote in Town affairs to Meet at the Meeting House in Sd Town on Monday the Eighteenth Day of May Currant at Two of the Clock in the after Noon in Said Day to Act on the following Articles Viz

To Chuse a Moderator

To Grant Money to Pay for Mending High Ways in Said Grafton

For the Town to Vote to have the Town Meetings this year Warned by Posting a Copy of the Warrant as they were Last year —

To See what the Town will do with Sundry Persons that have Made Application to the Select Men for help and for the Town to Proceed in Any Manner as they Shall think Proper

To See if the Town will fence in the Burying place and to proceed in Any Way they Shall think proper

Here of fail not and Make Return of this Warrant to one or ~~more~~ ~~of~~ or Some of us at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton May ye 1.: 1767

Joseph Batcheller
Jacl Brooks
John Sherman
David Fowler
} Select men for Grafton

Grafton May ye 18.: 1767 in Presence of the Within Written Warrant I have Warned all the Voters of Said Town —

Jonathan Hall Constable

Grafton May ye 18: 1767 the (64) Freeholders and Notable Inhabitents of said Town being Met at Time and place Agreable to the Warrant

1 Choose Charles Brigham Esqr Moderator

2 Granted Sixty Pounds of Money to pay for Mending High Ways in said Town the present year

3 Voted that the Town Meetings the present year be Warned by Posting up a Copyy of the Warrants as they Were Last Year

4 Voted that the Select of the Town of Grafton take Care of Abigail Pratt Now Residing in Grafton and to Support her under her Difficult Circumstances She Now being in a poor State of health

5 Voted that the Select Men of Grafton Remove Phebe Spragg and her Son out of Grafton to Uxbridge or Town as May be With any Convenience Where it is Apprehended her Properly belongs

6 Voted that the Town Will Fence in the Burying Place in said Grafton

7 Voted to Fence the front of said Burying Place With Stone Wall

8 Voted to Chuse a Committee to Fence said Burying Place

9 Voted to Chuse five for said Committee

10 Choose John Sherman 11 Choose Joseph Batchelles 12 Choose Moses Hemington 13 Choose Joel Brooks 14 Choose Joseph Sherman

15 Voted that the said Comtee Compleat said Fence to Enclose the Burying Place by the first day of November Next

Charles Brigham Modr

Worcester ss to James Whipple Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in his Majestys Name to Warn all (64) Freeholders and Volable Inhabitents of said Grafton that Are Qualified According to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Seventh day of September Next at two of the Clock in the After Noon on said day to act on the following Articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator

2 To Grant to the Rev Mr Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary for the present

3 To Grant Money to pay Town Debts in said Town the present year

4 For the Town if they See Cause to Give Peter Butler and Joseph Arnold Leave to Throw out their High Way Rate Assessed on them Last Year this Year this Year

5 For the Town if they See Cause to Abate the Minister Rate Assessed on Peter Holbrook in Grafton Last Year

6 For the Town if they See Cause to Empley the Town Treasurer to Borrow or Hire Money to pay Town Debts for What the Town may be in Debt Last Year

Leve of Sail Not and Make (65) Return of this Warrant With your doings Herein to us or some one of us at or before the Hour of Meting Dated at Grafton August ye 24:i 1769

Joseph Batchellder
John Sherman
David Forbush
Joel Brooks
} Select Men for Grafton

Worcesterss Grafton Sept.r ye 7:i 1769 In obedience to the Within Warrant I have Warned the Votable Inhabitents of s.d Grafton to Meet at Time and place as Within Mentioned

Jr James Whipple Constable

Grafton Sept.r ye 7:i 1769 the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton being Met at Time and place Agreable to the Warrant proceeded

by a Vote Chose Herekiah Ward Moderator

by a Vote Granted to the Rev.d Mr. Aaron Huttinson Sixty Pounds to pay his Sallary the present year

by a Vote Granted Seventy five Pounds to pay John Pratt the present year in said Town of Grafton

by a Vote the Town Gave Joseph Arnold and Peter Butler Leave to Work out their High Way Rate Assessed on them Last year this y.e com

Put to Vote Whether the Town will abate the Ministers Rate Assessed on Peter Holbrook Last year in the Hands of Robert Leath Late Constable and Passed in the Affirmative

Herekiah Ward Moderator

To Mr Jonathan Hall Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting You are Hereby Ordered in his Majestys Name to Notifie and Warn All the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton that are Qualified According to Law to Vote in Town Affairs to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday the Twenty Eight day of Dec.r Current at two of the Clock in the after Noon on said day to Act on the following Articles

To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

for the Town to Agree upon such Methods as they Shall think Proper to Promote Industry Oeconomy and Manufactures to Prevent the Unnecessary Importation of Foreign Commodi

Which Threaten the Country with Slavery and Ruin and for the Town to Encourage the use of all articles Manufactured in any of the British American Colonies and more Especially those articles Manufactured in this Province

3 For the Town to Abate the Rate assessed upon Sarah Grower Last year in the Hands of Nath.ll Ball late Constable

4 For the Town to Abate the High way Rate Assessed upon Moses Fairbanks Last year in the Hands of Nathaniel Ball late Constable Here of fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with the Town Doings Herein to us or some one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton Dec.r ye 17: 1767

Joseph Batchelder
John Sherman
Jim.a Darling
} Select men for Grafton

Grafton Dec.r 28 1767 Pursuant to this Warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants of this Town to Meet at time and place by Posting a Copy of the same Jon.a Hall Constable for Grafton

Grafton Dec.r ye 28 1767 the Town of Grafton Met at time and place agreable to the Warrant

Choose Ab.r Brown Moderater

Voted to Concur with the Town of Boston as Mentioned by the Select Men of Boston

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Abate the Rate of Sarah Grower in the Hand of Nath.ll Ball Late Constable and Passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Abate the High way Rate Assessed upon Moses Fairbanks Last year in the Hands of Nath.ll Ball Late Constable and Passed in the affirmative

Ab.r Brown Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Jamy Whipple (167) Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
In his Majestys Name You are hereby Required to Notifie and Warn
All the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of Said Grafton to Assemble and
Meet at the Meeting House in Said Grafton on Monday the Seventh day
of March Next at Eight of the Clock in the fore Noon on Said Day
to act on the following Articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting
2 To Chuse Town Officers for the Current year as the Law Directs
3 For the Town to Order How the School Shall be Kept the Current year
And How they will Provide a School Master
4 For the Town to Order How the High Ways Shall be Mended the Currant year
And What they will Allow for Labor at Said High Ways Viz for Man
and Team
5 For the Town to Let the Swine Run at Large the Current year if
they See Cause
6 For the Town to Accept of a List of Juary Men agreable to a Late act of Court
7 To hear the Report of the present Town Treasurey
8 To Accept Town Debts
9 For the Town to Vote to have the Town Meetings Warned the Currant
year by Posting A Copy of the Warrant if they See Cause
10 To hear the Report of the Committee Choosen to Fence in the
Burying Place and for Said Town to Order How the Said Fence
Shall be finished
11 For the Town to Abate parte of the High Way Rate Assessed on
Jamy Nutting and all the High Way Rate Assessed on John
Nutting in the Hands of Moss Hamington Late Constable

Hereof fail Not and Make of this Warrant with your
Doings Herein to us or Some one of us at or before the
Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton Feb.r ye 8.: 1768

Joseph Batcheller
John Sherman
David Forbush
Joel Brooks
Tim.o Darling
} Select Men for Grafton

Grafton Feb.r ye 19.: 1768 In obedience to this Warrant I
have Warned them to Meet at Time and place as
within Mentioned According to the Custom of this place
Jr Jamy Whipple Constable

Grafton March ye 7: 1768 (168) The Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of said Town Being Met at Time and Place Agreable to the Warrant proceeded viz by a Vote Choose Deacon Joseph Batchellor Moderator

Voted to Chuse two Wardens

By a Vote Choose Mark Batcheller } Wardens.
By a Vote Choose Nath.ll Ball }

Voted to Chuse five Select Men for the Current year

By a Vote Choose Deacon Joseph Batcheller
By a Vote Choose Ephriam Sherman
By a Vote Choose Joseph Willard Jur
By a Vote Choose Jamey Leland
By a Vote Choose Capt Noah Brooks
} Select Men

By a Vote Choose Jim.a Darling Town Clerk for the Current year

Then by a Vote Adjourned the Meeting for one Hour and half Hour then to Meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton

Joseph Batcheller Moderator

By Adjournment the Town Meet again at Time and place proceeded

By a Vote Choose Deacon Joseph Merriam Town Treasurer for the Current year

By a Vote Choose Capt John Goulding Constable for the North Side of the Town

By a Vote Choose Ezekiel Brigham Constable for the South Side of the Town

Voted to Chuse three Assessors for the Current year

By a Vote Choose Charles Brigham Esqr
By a Vote Choose Capt John Goulding
By a Vote Choose Ens.n John Prentice
} Assessors

Then by a Vote the Town agreed to Chuse the Rest of the Town officers by hand Voted

By a Vote Choose Peter Fisk
By a Vote Choose Lieu.t Sherman
} Fyting men

Voted To Chuse seven Surveyors of High Ways

By a Vote Choose Jamey Whipple
By a Vote Choose Lieu.t Wheeler
By a Vote Choose Asa Brown
By a Vote Choose Elisha Brigham
By a Vote Choose Joseph Merriam Jun.r
By a Vote Choose Robert Leatte
By a Vote Choose Joel Brooks
} Surveyors of High Ways for the Current year

Voted to Chuse five Hog Reifs
By a Vote Choose Amos Daniel
By a Vote Choose Jonathan Stow
By a Vote Choose Luke Drury
By a Vote Choose Nath.l Sprentice
By a Vote Choose Moses Holbrook
} Hog Reifs for the Currant year

By a Vote Choose Den.l Abner Stow
By a Vote Choose Nath.l Hudson
} fence Viewers for the Currant year

By a Vote Choose Joseph Goodall
By a Vote Choose Hezekiah Ward
} Fine wards for the Currant year

By a Vote Choose Capt Noah Brooks
By a Vote Choose David Fowsbush
} Deer Reifs for the Currant year

By a Vote Choose Moses Harrington
By a Vote Choose Jacob Stevens
} Field Drivers for the Currant year

By a Vote Choose Jacob Lagor Sealer of Leather
By a Vote Choose Benj.a Rockwood Jun.r Sealer of Hoops and Boards &c
By a Vote Choose Luke Drury Sugner of Wheat
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Accept of Robert Leath to Serve as Constable in the Place of Capt John Goulding And Passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Accept of Robert Leathe to Serve as Constable in the Place of Ezekiel Brigham And Passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Let the Swine Run at Large the Currant year And Passed in the Affirmative
By a Vote Allowed to Noah Vilas ——— £5. 9. 8
For Keeping School in said Grafton Last year and for Boarding
Then by a Vote Adjourned their Meeting to Friday the Eleventh Day of March Currant at Twelve of the Clock then to Meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton

Joseph Batchelder Moder.

Grafton March ye 11: 1768 (170) By Adjournment the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of Grafton Met again at time and place Proceeded

Voted to Chuse a Committee to order the Whol affair of the School the Ensuant year

Choose Andrew Adams
Choose Ebr Fuller
Choose John Maynard
Choose John Goulding
Choose David Forbush

} School Committee

Voted to have the High Ways Mended the present year by a Rate
Voted to allow a man per day the Ensuant year Two Shillings and for a pare of Oxen one Shilling and a Carte per day Eight pence

Voted to have the Town Meetings warned the present year by Posting as they ware Last year

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will abate parte of the High Way Rate of Jame Mutline and all the High Way Rate of John Mutline as Mentioned in the warrant and Passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will have the Select men Pence in the Remaining parte of the Burying place According to their Best Judgment and to Render an account to the Town and Passed in the Affirmative

Joseph Batchellor Moderator

Then Proceed to accept Town debts

Allowed to Aaron Kimball Surveyor of high ways	£11 · 17 · 10 · 2	
Allowed to Jacob Whipple for Schooling	3 · 13 · 4 · 0	
Allowed to Jonathan Stow Surveyor of High ways	13 · 12 · 1 ·	

Accepted of a List of Grand Men Viz Nath.l Whitney Elijah Dorey Joseph Merriam Capt David Wadsworth
the Town Selected out David Wadsworth for the Superior Box
Allowed to John Sherman for preambulating the Line Between Uxbridge and Grafton 0 - 5 - 6
Allowed to Joseph Merriam for Keeping the Freeman and for a Lock to the Meeting House Door 0 - 13 - 7
Allowed to Joseph Batchellor for Cash paid to the French and Making Rates £1 - 8 6
Allowed to Simon Brooks for Making Rates 0 - 14 - 0

Allowed to Hezekiah Taylor for Repair (11) of High Ways — £6 · 5 · 3-2
Allowed to John Prentice for Keeping School — — -14 · 10 8
Allowed to Nath.l Prentice for providing and Boarding a Schoolmaster 8 - 11 · 2
Allowed to Daniel Grout Surveyor of high Ways — — 15 · 2 · 0-2
Allowed to Samuel Wamin for Making Rates — — — 0 · 14 · 0
Allowed to Benj.a Goddard two Shillings and Eight pence for High way Work done by John Nutting — — 0 · 2 · 8
Allowed to Nath.l Sherman for taking Care of the Meeting House 0 · 13 · 10 2
Allowed to David Fowbush for Cash paid to the French — .0 - 15 - 0
Allowed to Asaph Sherman and others a Committee to fence in the Burying place — — — 6 - 9 - 4
Allowed to Joel Brooks for Cash paid to the French — 0 · 15 · 0
Allowed to Noah Vial for Schooling — — — — — 5 - 9 - 8

We the Subscribers have this Day Met with Mr Joseph Meriam Treasurer for the Town of Grafton and Examined What Sums of the Towns Money that has been ordred in to the Treasury and What has been paid out and we find Now in the Treasury the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds Fifteen Shillings and one penny Two Farthings as Not ordred out Grafton Feb.r ye 28: 1768

£200 - 15 · 1 · 2

Joseph Batchellder
John Sherman
David Fowbush
Joel Brooks
} Selectmen for Grafton

NB Exclusive of What is in Hands of Col.o Nath.l Sherman former Constable

Joseph Meriam — Town Treasurer

Grafton March ye 11: 1768 this Report Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton

Joseph Batchellder Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr. Robert Leathe Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

(A) You are Hereby Required In his Majestys Name to Warn All the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of Said Grafton to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in Grafton on Wednesday the Eighteenth day of May Currant at Two of the Clock in the after noon on Said Day to Act on the following Articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for Said Meeting

2 For the Town to Give their Reasons to the Great and General Court on the Second Tuesday of this May Sessions Why the petition from the Town of Lancaster Should not be Granted Respecting the Altering the Courts in the County of Worcester and for the Town to do it in Such Way as the Town Shall think proper

3 To See What the Town will do Respecting Deborah Wadts support

4 To See if the Town Will Empower the Town Treasurer to Hire Money to pay Town Debts

5 To See if the Town Will Abate the Rates Assessed on David Hill in the Hands of Robert Leathe Late Constable

Here of fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant to one or More of us at or before the Hour of Meeting

Grafton May the 2: 1768

Joseph Willard, Noah Brooks, James Leland } Select men for Grafton

Pursuent to the Within Warrant to me Directed I have Warned and Notified all the freeholders and other Votable Inhabitents of Grafton by posting a Copy of Said Warrant to Assemble and Meet at the time and place for the purpose within Mentioned Grafton May ye 17: 1768

Robert Leathe Constable

May ye 18 1768 the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of Grafton Being Met at time and place Agreable to the Warrant proceeded Chose Deacon Joseph Merriam Moderator for said Meeting

Put to Vote whether the Town Will have two of the Courts held at Lancester for the future and passed in the Negative

Voted to Chuse a Committee to Draw up in Writing the Reasons of the Town Respecting said petition. Chose Abr Temple Eleazer Cook Ebenezer Newman Chose Timo Harding for said Committee

then the Committee Reported to (173) the Town Respecting the Courts
and the Town then Voted that the Select Men Shall to send the
Report of the Committee to the Great and General Court at
the Sessions of the Town

Then Voted to Pass the article of the Widow Deborah Ward

Then Voted that the Town Treasurer Shall Hire Ten Pounds of Money
to pay Town Debts the Currant year

Put to Vote whether the Town will abate the Rates assessed on David
Hill in the hands of Robert Leathe late Constable and passed in the
Affirmative

Joseph Merriam Moderator

(12) Worcester ss To Mr. Robert Leathe Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in the Majesty Name to Warn all the freeholders
and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton that are Qualified According
to Law to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet and Assemble at the
Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday the Twenty Sixth day
of September Currant at three of the Clock in the after Noon
to Act on the following Articles Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting.
2 To Grant to the Rev. Mr. Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary for the
present year
3 To Grant Money to pay Town Debts
4 To Grant Money to pay for Mending High Ways
5 For the Town to abate the Rate assessed on James Harrington
in the Hands of Nath.l Ball former Constable if they See Cause
Here of Said Not and Make Return of this Warrant with your
doings herein to us or some one of us at or before the
Hour of Meeting Dated Grafton Sept.r ye 12 1768

Joseph Batchelder
Epr.m Sherman
Noah Brooks
James Leland

Pursuent to the within Warrant Directed to me I have Notified and
Warned all the freeholders and other Votable Inhabitents of Grafton
by posting a Copy of said Warrant to Assemble and Meet at the
time and place for the purpose within mentioned

Grafton Sept.r ye 26: 1768 Robert Leathe Constable

Grafton Sept.r ye 26: 1768 the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton
Met at time and place agreable to the Warrant proceeded Chose Ephriam
Sherman Moderator

Granted Sixty Pounds to pay the Rev. Mr Aaron Hutchinsons Sallary the Currant
Year

Granted Sixty pounds to pay for mending High Ways the present year

Granted Seventy five pounds to pay Town Debts the present year

Put to Vote Whether the Town will abate the Rates assessed on James
Harrington in the Hands of Nath.l Ball late Constable and passed in the
Negative

Epr.m Sherman Moderator

(174) Grafton Sept^r 22^d 1768

Worcester ss

To Mr Robert Leathe Constable for the Town of Grafton you are hereby Required in his Majesty's Name to Notifie and Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Qualified according to Law to Vote in Town affairs To Assemble and meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Twenty fifth Instant At five O Clock in the After Noon on said Day then and there to Consider and act on the following Affairs

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2 To Consider of and act as they shall see Cause in Regard of Adopting the Measures Lately taken by the Town of Boston as il Represented by the Printed Letters Sent by the Select men of said Boston to the Select Men of Grafton as May then be Produced Here of fail Not and Make Return with your Doings hereon at or before the Hour of said Meeting to Som one of us

Joseph Batchellor
Noah Brooks
Joseph Willard
James Leland
} Select Men for Grafton

Pursuant to the Within Warrant to me Directed I have Notified And Warned the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of Grafton by posting a Copy of said Warrant to Assemble and meet at the Time and place for the purpose within Mentioned Grafton Sept^r y^e 20 : 1768

Robert Leathe Constable

Grafton Sept^r y^e 26 1768 The freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton Being Met at Time and place Agreeable to the Warrant Proceed

1 By a Vote Choose Mr Eph^m Sherman Moderator

2 put to Vote Whether the Town will Chuse one man to Meet with the Convention at Boston at Faneuil Hall as Soon as May be — to Consider of and act in behalf of the Town as shall be Most Conuenient in Regard to the Measures Lately Taken by the Select men of Boston as it Represented to us by their Printed Letters and Passed in the Affirmative

3 by a Vote Choose Mr Eph^m Sherman for said Service

Attest Eph^m Sherman Moderator

(12) Worcester ss To Mr Robert Leathe Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting You are hereby Desired in his Majesty's Name to Warn or Notifie the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Sixth Day of February Next at Two of the Clock in the After Noon on said Day to Act on the following Article

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

For the Town to act on the affair of Patience David and Child - as she has put her self upon the Select men of said Town and to act on the affair as the Town shall think Most proper

To See what the Town will do with Daniel Druce as Requesting his Support and to act on the affair as the Town Shall think Most proper Hereof fail Not and Make Return of this warrant with your Doings Herein to one or more of us at at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated Grafton Janr ye 26: 1769

Joseph Batchellar
Eldr Sherman
Joseph Willard jr
James Leland
} Select men of Grafton

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me Directed I have posted a copy thereof and thereby have Warned and Notified the freeholders and other Votable Inhabitents of the Town of Grafton to Assemble and Meet together at the Time and Place for the purpose within Mentioned Grafton Febr 6: 1769

Robert Leathe Constable for Grafton

Grafton Febr ye 6: 1769 The freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Town Being Met agreable to the Warrant Proceeded

1 By a Vote Choose Capt Samuel Warin Moderator

2 Put to Vote Whether the Town will have the Select men proceed with Patience David an Indian Woman and Child and Take the Best Advise - in order to Secure the Town from Charge for their Support and Passed in y^e Affirmative

3 By a Vote Dismist the article Relating to Daniel Druce

Samuel Warin Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Robert Leathe Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting In his Majesty's Name you are hereby Required to Notify and Warn all the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday the sixth day of March Next at Eight of the Clock in the foore noon on said Day to act on the following Articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To Chuse Town officers for the Currant year as the Law Directs
3 For the Town to order How the School Shall be Kept the Currant year and How they will provide a School Master
4 For the Town to order How the High ways Shall be mended the Currant Year and what they will allow per day for Labor Viz for Man and Team

5 For said Town to Let the Swine Run at Large the Currant year if they See Cause

6 For the Town to accept of a List of Jury men agreable to a Late act of Court

7 To accept Town Debts

8 To hear the Report of the present Town Treasurer

9 For the Town to Vote to have the Town Meetings warned the Currant year by Posting a Copy of the Warrant if they See Cause

10 To accept of a Town Road or High Way Laid out in Joseph Winchesters Land from Nath.ll Balls Land to the Town Road that Leads from Capt. Goutings to said Winchesters Said Road is Laid out two Rods Wide

11 For the Town if they See Cause to abate the Rates Assessed on Richard Roberts Deceas'd in the Hands of Benj.a Willard Late Constable

12 For the Town if they See Cause to abate the Rates Assessed on Greviah Smith in the Hands of Benj.a Willard Late Constable

13 For the Town to Repair the Meeting House in said Town and to do it in such way as the Town shall think proper

14 For the Town if they See Cause to abate the High way Rate Assessed on Isaac Sawyer and Phinehas Sawyer in the hands of James Whipple Late Constable

15 For the Town if they See Cause to abate the Rates Assessed on Amoriah Davis in the Hands of James Whipple Late Constable

16 To accept of a Town Road or High way two Rods Wide Beginning at Shrewsbury Line Runs through Thomas Aldiths Land and John Prentices ~~Land~~ and Philemon Stacyes Lands till it Comes to the Road that Leads from Luke Drurys to Isaac Gratts

17 For the Town if they See Cause to abate the High way Rate Assessed on Samuel Wigals in the Hands of Jon.a Hall Late Constable and also the High way Rate of Moses Tarbanks

18 For the Town if they See Cause to abate one half of James Harringtons Rates and all his High way Rate in the Hands of Jon.a Hall Late Constable

Here of fail not and Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings Here in to us or some one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton Feb.y ye 13: 1769

Joseph Batchelder
Jth.n Brennan
Joseph Willard Jun.r
James Leland
Noah Brooks
} Select men for the Town of Grafton

Pursuant to this Warrant to me Directed I have Posted a Copy three days and thereby have Notified and Warned all the Freeholders and other Votable Inhabitents of the Town of Grafton to Assemble and Meet together at the Time and place for the purposes Within Mentioned Grafton March ye 6: 1769

Robert Leathe Constable for Grafton

March ye 6 1769 The Freeholders (119) and Votable Inhabitents of the Town of Grafton Being Met at time and place agreable to the warrant proceeded

Choose Mr. Joseph Batchelles Moderator for said Meeting

By a Vote Choose Silas Wamin } Wardens
By a Vote Choose Simon Brooks }

Voted to Chuse five Select men

Choose Joseph Batchelles
Choose Eph.m Sherman
Choose David Forbush
Choose Phinehas Leland
Choose Abraham Brown
} Select Men

Choose Tim.s Darling Town Clerk for the Currant year

Choose Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer for ye Currant year

Choose Elisha Brigham } Constables for the Currant year
Choose Elijah Drury }

Choose John Goulding
Choose Nath.l Prentice
Choose Charles Brigham Esqr
} Assessors for the Currant year

Then by a Vote Adjourned the Meeting for one Hour and half then to meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton Joseph Batchelles Mod.r

By Adjournment Meet again at time and place proceeded

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Accept of Ed.r Wadsworth to serve as Constable for the whol Town in the place of Elisha Brigham and Elijah Drury the Currant year his promising to serve for his own Turn when the Town shall think proper to Chuse him and passed in the Affirmative

Choose Noah Brooks } Fything Men
Choose Jacob Stevens }

Voted to Chuse seven Surveyors of High Ways

Choose Joseph Meriam
Choose Benj.a Garfield
Choose Eph.m Sherman
Choose John Goulding
Choose Asaph Sherman
Choose Samuel Harrington
Choose Abner Hoar Jun.r
} Surveyors of High Ways all Town

Choose Abr.m Temple in the place of John Goulding as Surveyor of High Ways

Voted to Chuse Three Hog (178) reifs Choose Jon.a Hall Choose
Tim.o Farling Choose Nath.l Ball

Choose Isaac Harrington } Fence Viewers Both sworn
Choose Abr.m Temple }

Choose Joseph Goodell } Five wards
Choose Peter Fisk sworn }

Choose Aaron Kimball } Deer Rieff sworn
Choose Nath.l Whitney }

Choose Eb.r Wheelor } Field Driver
Choose David Grout } Both sworn

Choose Jacob Lager Sealer of Leather

Choose Mosk Batchelder Sugaer of Hoops Staves and Boards
and sworn

Choose Luke Drury of Wheeat and sworn

Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men for a School Committee

Choose Seth Miller
Choose Luke Drury
Choose Nath.l Sherman Jun } School Committee
Choose Eph.m Sherman
Choose Ebenezer Cutler

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Leave the Whol Affair with the Committee Respecting the School and to Provide a School Master and Passed in the Affirmative

Voted to have the High Ways Mended this year by a Rate

Voted to Allow a man Per Day two Shillings for Work at the High Ways from Nov.r 10th the Last of September Next and one Shilling for a Pare of Oxen and Eight pence for a Carte
And for Labor after the Last of September to be half of Much for Man and Team

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Let the Swine Run at Large this year and Passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will have the Town Meeting Warned the Currant year by Posting. and Passed in the Negative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Repair the Meeting House and it Passed in the Negative

Then by a Vote Adjourned the Meeting to Monday the Thirteenth day of March Current at one of the Clock in the After Noon then to Meet at the Meeting House in
Sutton Grafton

Joseph Batchelder Moderator

March ye 8 1809 the Selectmen and Constable of Grafton

Adjournment Met again at Time and place

Voted to Vote Whether the Town Will Repair the Meeting House and Passed in the Negative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will abate the Rates of Richard Root in the Hands of Benja Willard Late Constable and passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will abate the Rates [illegible] in the Hands of Benja Willard Late Constable [illegible] Passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will abate the High Way Rate of Isaac Sanger in the Hands of James Whipple Late Constable and passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will abate the High Way Rate of Thirdway Sanger in the Hands of James Whipple Late Constable and passed in the Negative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will abate the Rates of Amariah Jacks in the Hands of James Whipple Late Constable and passed in the Negative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will have the Town Meetings Warned the Warrant year by posting a Copy of the Warrants and passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will abate the High Way Rate of James Boyle in the Hand of Josa Hall Late Constable and passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will abate the High Way Rate of James Harrington in the Hands of Josa Hall Late Constable and passed in the Affirmative

And his other Rates were put to Vote and passed in the Negative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Abate the High Way Rate of Moses Farbanks in the Hands of Josa Hall Late Constable and passed in the Affirmative

Allowed to Abraham Brown Surveyor of High Ways Last year — £13-0-10.

Allowed to Joel Brooks Surveyor of High Ways Last year — £9-4-4

Allowed to Ebenezer Wheelor Surveyor of High Ways Last year — £12-12-2

Allowed to Elisha Brigham Surveyor of High Ways Last year — £14-11-0

Allowed to Joseph Merian 2d Surveyor of High Ways Last year — 15-9-2

Allowed to Robert Leathe Surveyor of High Ways Last year — £11-7-8

Allowed to James Whipple Surveyor of High Ways Last year — £6-4-0

Allowed to Charles Brigham for Making Rates Last year — 0-18-0

Allowed to Eph.k Sherman for a Journey to Hatfield two Journeys to Worcester about Jatives Land and to a Journey to Boston in 4 Days Time — £2-12-0

Allowed to Aaron Kimball for Mending the Meeting House — 2-4-8

Allowed to John Prentice for Making Rates — 4-4-0

Allowed to Joseph Batchelder for preambulating the Town paid for same — 3-0

Allowed to Joseph Willard for preambulating — 0-2-0

Allowed to Joseph Merian for Ringing the Bell — 0-13-4

Allowed to to John Goulding for Making Rates — 0-18-0

Allowed to Joseph Willard for Boarding Daniel Drake five weeks — 0-9-0

Allowed to John Prentice for Schooling and Boarding — 18-8-6

Allowed to Hezh Vilas for Schooling and Boarding — 5-16-8

Allowed to Ebenezer Sadler for Schooling and Boarding — £5 - 15 - 10
Allowed to Asaph Sherman for Taking Care of the meeting House £0 - 16 - 2
and Boarding the Glaser at mending said meeting House
Put to Vote whether the Town Will have the Select men Give order to the
Town Treasurer to pay the Glasor for mending the Meeting House and
Passed in the Affirmative Joseph Batchelder Moderator

We the Subscribers have this Day Met with with Mr Joseph Meriam Treasurer
for the Town of Grafton Examined What sums of the Town Money that
has been ordered in to the Treasury and what has been paid out
and we find Now in said Treasurer the sum of one Hundred and Ninty four
pounds Nineteen Shillings and five pence as Not Notwithstanding Exclusive
of What is in Co.ll Nathaniel Shermans Hands former Constable
and Also Paid said Joseph Meriam ten pounds and the Interest due thereon
that he Hired in the year past for the Town of Grafton

£194 - 19 - 5

Joseph Batchelder } Select men
Noah Brooks } for
Joseph Willard jun.r } Grafton

Joseph Meriam } Town
Treasurer

Grafton March ye 6.th 1769 this Report Read and Accepted by the
Town of Grafton Joseph Batchelder — Moderator

Worcester ss (R)

To Mr Ebenezer Wadsworth Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in his Majesty's Name to Notify and Warn
all the freeholders and Votable inhabitants in the Town of Grafton to Assemble
at the Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday the twenty second day
of May Currant at two o Clock in the After Noon then and there
to act on the following Articles Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To see if the Town Will Impower the Town Treasurer to Borrow Money
to pay Town Debt
3 To see if the Town Will abate the Minister Rate Assessed on Joseph
Rice in the Hands of Robert Heath Constable
4 To see if the Town Will abate the Rates Assessed on David Axtell
in the Hands of Nath.ll Ball Late Constable
5 To see if the Town Will abate the Rates Assessed on David Cutler in
the Hands of Jonathan Hall Late Constable
6 To see if the Town Will Chuse a Committee to Enquire in to and
Settle the Affair with Co.ll Nath.ll Sherman former Constable
Heir of said Not and Make Return of this Warrant with your
Doings to some one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated at
Grafton May 15.th 1769

Ephr.m Sherman } Select men
David Forbush } for Grafton
Elisha.h Leland }
Abr.m Brown }

Worcester ss Pursuant to this Warrant I have
Notified and Warned all the freeholders and
Voters to Meet at time and place —
Grafton May 22.d 1769 Ebr. Wadsworth Constable

May ye 22: 1769 The Freeholders (16) and Notable Inhabitents of Grafton
Being Meett at time and place Agreable to the Warrant Proceed viz
Choose Mr. Joseph Batcheller Moderato for said meeting
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Empower the Sum Treasury to Borrow
Money to pay Town Debts if there Should be Any Needed and passed
in the Affirmative
By a Vote Abated the Rates of Daniel Axtell in the Hands of Nath. Ball
Late Constable
Put to Vote Whether the will abate David Cutlers Rates passed in the Negative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Settle the Affair
with Cr. Nath.l Sherman former Constable and passed in the Affirmative
Chose Ephr. Sherman Chase Hezekiah Taylor Chose Joseph Morse for said
Committee
Joseph Batcheller Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr. Ebr. Wadsworth Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
You are Hereby Required In his Majestys Name to Warn all
the freeholders and Notable Inhabitents in the Town of Grafton
to Assemble at the Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday
the Eighteenth Day of this Instant Sept.r at one O Clock in
the After noon then and there to Act on the following
Articles Viz
1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To Grant Money to Defray Town Charges
3 To Grant the Revnd Mr Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary
for the present year
4 To See if the Town will Repair the Bridge Near David Stods
and in What Maner they will do it
5 To See if the Town will Rebuild the Bridge by Joseph Arnolds
or Whether they will first Chuse a Committee to Enquire
who shall Build it
6 For the Town to Abate the Sallary Rate Assessed on John
Wesson Jun.r in the Hands of Robert Leathe Late Constable
7 For the Town to Abate all the Rates assessed on Solomon Miller
and all the Rates Assessed on Jonathan Hemingway
and the High Way Rate Assessed on Isaac Sanger all in
the Hands of Robert Leathe Late Constable & if they See Cause
8 To hear the Request of Jonathan Marble and act thereon
& if they See Cause
Here of fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant with
Your doings to some one of us at or Before the Hour of meeting
Dated Grafton Sept.r 4: 1769

Joseph Batcheller
Ephr. Sherman
David Forbush
Daniel Leland
Abr.a Brown

Obedience to this Warrant I have Warned
all the Freeholders and Notable Inhabitent
of Grafton as Set forth in the Warrant
Grafton Sept.r ye 14: 1769
Ebr. Wadsworth Constable

Grafton Sept.r ye 8.th 1769 (152) The freeholders and Votable
Inhabitents of said Grafton Being Met agreable to the warrant
at time and place proceeded
Choose Mr. Joseph Batcheller Moderator
By a Vote Granted Sixty pounds to pay the Revend mr. Aaron —
Hutchinson Sallary the present year
Voted to Repair the Bridge by Davis Stairs by Hawing all the Sugaers
assist in at
Voted to Chuse a Committee to Examin Whos property it is
to Repair the Bridge by Joseph Arnolds
Chose Ephr.m Sherman Capt Samuel Wamin and Capt.n John Goddard
for said Committee
By a Vote abated the Rate of Solomon Miller
By a Vote abated the Rate of Jonathan Hemingway.
By a Vote Allowed Doctr Flint 0 - 13 - 4
Voted to Vote the Town will abate Isaac Sangers High Way
Rate and passed in the Negative
By a Vote Granted Sixty pounds to pay for mending High Ways
By a Vote Granted Seventy five pounds to pay Town Debts
Joseph Batcheller Moderator

Worcester ss. To Mr. Ebenezer Wadsworth Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
(12) In his Majesty's Name you are hereby Required to Notifie and Warn all the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton to Assemble and meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday the fifth day of March Next at Eight of the Clock in the Morning on said day to act on the following Articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To Chuse Town officers for the Currant year as the Law Directs
3 To Hire Collectors of Taxes the Currant year if they See Cause
4 For the Town to order How the School shall be Kept the Currant year and How they will provide a School Master
5 For the Town to order How the High Ways shall be Mended the Currant year and what they will Allow per day for a man and Team
6 For said Town to Let the Swine Run at Large if they See Cause
7 For the Town to Accept of a List of Jury men agreable to an Act of Court

the other side

8 To accept of town Debt

9 To Hear the Reporte of the Town Treasurey

10 To Hear the Report of the Committee Lately Chosen to Settel. Accounts with Cor: Nath: Sherman former Constable

11 To abate the minister Rate Assessed on Benj: Leland in the Hands of Mr. Robert Leathe Late Constable if they See Cause

12 For the Town if they See Cause to Chuse a Committee to Take Title of the Proprietors of said Grafton of the Land Called the Chor Lott and the Meeting House Lott with the Meeting House agreable to the former Agreement Made with the Proprietors and Town of Grafton

Here of fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant with your Doings Herein to us or Some one of us at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton Febr ye 5: 1770

Joseph Batcheller
Eph: Sherman
David Forbush
Phinehas Leland
Abr. Brown
} Select men for the Town of Grafton

In Persuent of the Warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of the Town of Grafton to Assemble at the Place and for the purpose as it Set forth in the warrant

Grafton March ye 5: 1770.

Ebenezer Wadsworth } Constable for the Town of grafton

March ye 5: 1770 The freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of Grafton Being Met at time and Place agreable to the warrant proceeded Viz

Chose Mr. Joseph Batcheller Moderator for said Meeting

By a Vote Chose Jonathan Stow
By a Vote Chose Abr. Temple
} Wardens for the Currant year

By a Vote Chose Deac Joseph Batcheller
By a Vote Chose Mr. Eph: Sherman
By a Vote Chose Capt John Goulding
By a Vote Chose Mr Andrew Adams
By a Vote Chose Jno. Darling.
} Select Men for the year 1770

By a Vote Chose Jno. Darling Town Clerk for the Currant year

By a Vote Chose Deac Joseph Merian Town Treasurey for the year 1770

By a Vote Chose Eph: Sherman jur.
By a Vote Chose Luke Drury
} Constables for the year 1770

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Hire Collectors of Taxes for the Currant year and Passed in the negative

Then by a Vote Adjourned the Meeting for one Hour and half then to meet at the Meeting House in Said Grafton Joseph Batcheller Moder

By Government Mett again at Time and Place proceeded

By a Vote Choose Ens.d John Prentice
By a Vote Choose Mr Hezekiah Taylor
By a Vote Choose Lieut Abr.m Brown
} Assessor for the year 1770

By a Vote Choose Benj.a Rockwood jur
By a Vote Choose Benj.a Garfield
} Fyltiny for the year 1770

By a Vote Choose Jon.a Hall
By a Vote Choose Philemon Stacy
By a Vote Choose Eb.r Wheeler
By a Vote Choose Benj.a Goddard
By a Vote Choose Joseph Whipple
By a Vote Choose Ezekiel Brigham
By a Vote Choose James Leland
} Surveyors of High Ways for y.e year 1770

Choose Abner Sterns jur Choose Ebr Wadsworth Choose Henery Prentice Hog Reifs for the year 1770

Choose Hez.r Taylor Choose Abner Sterns Fence Viewers

Choose Joseph Goodell Choose Isaac Harrington fire Wards

Choose Thomas Forbush Choose Jacob Stevens Dear Reifs

Choose Samuel Wamin and Mos Harrington field Drivers

Choose Jacob Lagor Sealer of Leather

Choose Mark Batcheller Surveyor of Hoops Boards and Shingles

Choose Aaron Kimball Surveyor of Wheet

By a Vote the Town Allowed of Nath.ll Sherman jur Asaph Sherman Ebenezer Wadsworth Benj.a Garfield jury Men

By a Vote the Town Selected out Benj.a Garfield for the Superiour Box

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Chuse a committee of five men to Manage the whol affair of the School the present year and to provide a School Master And passed in the Affirmative

Choose Asaph Sherman Choose Silas Wamin Choose Simon Brooks
Choose Joseph Winchester Choose Samuel Wamin jur. for a School Committee

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Allow Two Shillings per Day for a Man at Work at the High Ways from Now to the Last of Sept.r Next and one Shilling pr day for a pare of Oxen and Eight pence per Day for a Carte And passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large the Currant year and passed in the Affirmative

z a Vote Adjourned the Meeting to (185 Monday the Twelfth Day of March
Currant at one of the Clock in the After Noon to Meet at the Meeting
House in said Grafton
Joseph Batcheller Moderater

Grafton March ye 12 1770 by Adjournment Met again at Since and plac
by a Vote Allowed to Eph.r Sherman Surveyor of High Ways Last year £ 6 · 18 · 0
by a Vote Allowed to Samuel Hemington Surveyor of High Ways Last year 14 · 6 · 4
by a Vote Allowed to Benj.a Joseph Meriam Surveyor of High Ways - 11 · 14 · 8
by a Vote Allowed to Abner Stow Surveyor of High Ways - 11 · 19 · 9
by a Vote Allowed to Abr.a Temple Surveyor of High Ways - - 8 · 2 · 6
by a Vote Allowed to Asaph Sherman Surveyor of High Ways - 8 · 18 · 10
by a Vote Allowed to Benj.a Garfield Surveyor of High Ways - - - 5 · 11 · 1
by a Vote Allowed to Nath.ll Hemington for Schooling - - 2 · 0 · 0
by a Vote Allowed to Ben.a Abner Stow for Schooling - - 2 · 13 · 4
by a Vote Allowed Nath.a Prentice for Making Rates - - 0 · 16 · 0
by a Vote Allowed Samuel Rodes for a pare bore and Sything Maul Staff 0 · 3 · 2
Allowed to Plinehas Leland for 290 feet of Plank - - - 1 · 3 · 2
Allowed to Noah Vilas for Schooling and Boarding - - - 15 · 2 · 6
Allowed to Joel Brooks for Mannoah Drewy two day and half at the High
Ways in the year 1768 - - - - - 0 · 5 · 0
Allowed to Capt John Gooding for Making Rate - 0 · 16 · 0
Allowed to Lent Plinehas Leland for Preambulating the Town Line 2 Days 0 · 4 · 0
Allowed John Prentice for Schooling - 2 · 16 · 8
Allowed to Lent Plinehas Leland for Boarding a School master - - 0 · 18 · 0
Allowed to Jim.a Darling for Doctring Daniel Axtell family and William
Riseford Last Winter in their sickness - 1 · 18 · 4
Allowed to Abr.m Brown for Preambulating the Town Line - - 0 · 2 · 0
Allowed to Charles Brigham Esq.r for Making Rates - - 0 · 15 · 0
Allowed to Plinehas Rice for Timber for the Bridge - - 0 · 14 · 0
Allowed to Asaph Sherman for Taking Care of the Meeting House - 0 · 12 · 0
Allowed to Eph.r Sherman for Preambulating the Town Line - 0 · 2 · 0
Allowed Joseph Meriam Jun.r for two Days Work do by James Hasington
in the year 1768 - - - - 0 · 4 · 0
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Abate the Minister Rate Assessed on
Benj.a Leland in the Hand of Robert Leath and Passed in the Affirmative
Then put to Vote Whether the Town Will Act on the Twelfth article in
the Warrant and Passed in the Negative
By a Vote Choose Silas Wain Constable for the Currant year
By a Vote the Town Dismist Silas Wain from Serving as Constable
the Currant year
By a Vote Choose Joseph Meriam jun.r Constable for the Currant
year
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Accept of Ebenezer Wadsworth
to Serve as Constable this year in the place of Joseph Meriam Jun.r
and Passed in the Affirmative

Then by a Vote Adjourned the Meeting to Monday the fourteenth
Day of May Next at one of the Clock in the After Noon
on said Day to the Meeting House in said Grafton

Attest Joseph Batcheller Moderator

Grafton May ye 14: 1770
By Adjournment Mett at time and place proceeded
By a Vote Adjourned the Meeting to the Twenty third day of May Curr
at one of the Clock in the afternoon to the Meeting House in Grafto
Attst Joseph Batchelder Moderator

Grafton May ye 23 1770 by Adjournment Mett again at time & pl
then by a vote Adjourned the Meeting till four O Clock in the afte
Noon of this day to meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton
Attst Joseph Batchelder Mod

By Adjournment Mett again at time and place
By a Vote allowed Deacon Joseph Merriam Lo: 13 -4 for Keeping the
Preacher Last year
By a Vote allowed to Mr Ebenezer Cutler four pounds for ten
Weeks Schooling Last year by Mrs Ebn Wadsworth Keeping it and one
pound thirteen Shillings and four pence for Boarding ten Weeks
at threee Shilling and four pence per Week
Attst Joseph Batchelder Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Ebenezer Wadsworth Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
In his Majesty's Name you are hereby Required to Warn all the
Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Grafton to Meet at the
Meeting House in said Grafton on Wednesday the twenty third day of May
Currant at two of the Clock in the afternoon to act on the followin
Articles
1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 For the Town if they See Cause to abate the Rate assessed on Isaac
Harrington for his four Sheep under age in the hand of Robert Heath
3 For the Town if they See Cause to abate the Rates assessed on Edw. Sherman Jr
for his Apprentice Call in the Hands of Robert Heath late Constable
4 For the Town if they See Cause to abate the Rates of Joseph Howard Jr
in the Hands of Ebn Wadsworth Constable
5 to See if the Town will have the Meeting Warned this year by Posting
a Copy of this Warrant a
6 For the Town if they See Cause to Vote to Repair the Meeting House in
said Grafton and to Repair it by Such ways and Manner as the Town shall
think Proper
7 To See if the Town will Provide a Cow for Jonathan Marble for the Summ
Grafton May ye 14 1770

Joseph Batchelder
Ebn Sherman
Andrew Adams
John Goulding
} Select Men
for
Grafton

Grafton May ye 22 1770 In Pursuant to this Warrant I have
Notified and Warned all the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents
of the Town of Grafton as Sett Forth in the Warrant
Ebenr Wadsworth Constable for Grafton

Grafton May 23 1770 the freeholders (187) and Voitable Inhabitents of
said Grafton Mett at time and place agreable to the Warrant prese
Choose Joseph Batchellor Moderator
by a vote abated the Rates Assessed on Isaac Harrington for his son being
under age
by a Vote abated the Rates Assessed on Eph.r Sherman Jun.r for his yong Man
not being of age
By a Vote abated the Rate Assessed on the poll of Joseph Arnold
By a Vote ordered that the Town Meeting be warned the Currant year
by posting a Copy of the Warrant by the Constable as Usual
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Repair the Meeting House in Grafton
and passed in the Affirmative
Then Voted to Chuse a Committee for said Service and for said Committee
to Receive Instructions from the Town before they proceed to the Buisness
Then Voted to Chuse five for said Committee
Choose Capt.t John Goulding Choose Mr.r Andrew Adams Choose Mr.r Mark
Batchellor Choose Mr.r David Forbush Choose Deac.n Joseph Merian for s.d Com.tee
Voted that the Select men provide a Cow so that Jonathan Marble has the
Use of said Cow this Summer and for to do it with the Town money
Then by a Vote Adjourned the Meeting till five o'clock then to be Opned at
this place — — — Joseph Batchellor Moderator
by Adjournment Mett again at time and place
Then by a Vote Adjourned the Meeting till the Twenty Eight day of May
Currant at one of the Clock in afternoon then to Meet at the
Meeting House in said Grafton Attest Joseph Batchellor Moderator
By Adjournment Mett at time and place
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Impower Mr.r Eph.r Sherman Jun.r to Petition
in behalf of the Town to the General Court for Liberty for the Town
to Take such a peice of the Indians Seat in the Meeting House as if
not needed for the Indians to have such Seat Used by the Town as
the Town shall think proper
Then by a Vote Adjourned the Meeting to the Second day of July Next
at one of the Clock in the afternoon then to Meet at the Meeting House
in said Grafton Joseph Batchellor Moderator

Grafton July y.e 2.d 1770 Mett by Adjournment at time and place Voted
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Reconsider all the Votes Passed
by the Town Respecting the Repairing the Meeting House in said Grafton
and the Choosing a Committee and Passed in the Affirmative
Joseph Batchellor Moderator

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Worcester ss To Mr Ephraim Sherman — the Town Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting you are hereby Required in his Majesty Name to Warn all the freeholders and Notable Inhabitants of said Grafton to assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Twenty second day of October Current at one of the Clock in the after Noon to act on the following articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting.
2 To Grant to the Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary for the present year
3 To Grant Money to pay Town Debts the present year.
4 For the Town to Grant Money to pay for Mending High Ways in said Grafton — and for the Town to order the Assessment as the Town shall think proper as to the time and manner of payment
5 For the Town if they see Cause to abate parte of the Rates assessed on Moses Hayden Last year
6 For the Town if they see Cause to abate the Rates assessed on Ebr. Wheelor for one poll Last year that was under age
7 For the Town if they see Cause to abate the Minister Rate assessed on Joseph Goodell in the year 1768 Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant with your doings Hereon to us or some one of us the subscribers at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated Grafton Octr 8 1770

Joseph Batchellor Ephm Sherman Andrew Adams John Goulding Jno. Darling
Select men for the Town of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton Octr y 22: 1770 In obedience to the within Warrant I have warned and Notified the freeholders and Notable Inhabitants of Grafton by posting a Copy of this Warrant agreable to the Vote of the Town to assemble and meet at time and place within directed Ephm Sherman pr. Constable for Grafton

October y 22: 1770 the freeholders and Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Being Meet at time and place agreable to the Warrant proceeded
And Chose Capt John Goulding Moderator for said meeting.
By a Vote Granted fifty pounds to pay Town Debts
By a Vote Granted one Hundred and fifty pounds to pay for Mending High Ways: Voted that Each man in said Grafton shall have till the Last day of September Next to Work out his High Way Rate
Put to Vote Whether the Town will abate five Shillings and Eight pence Assessed on Moses Hayden Last year and passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will abate the Rates of one poll of Ebr. Wheelor Last year and passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will abate the Minister Rate Assessed on Joseph Goodell in the year 1768 and passed in the Negative
By a Vote Granted to the Revnd Mr Aaron Hutchinson fifty pounds for his Sallary the present year

Attst John Goulding Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Ephriam Sherman jun. 1789
Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
In his Majesty's Name you are hereby required to Notify and Warn all the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of said Grafton to Assemble and Meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday the fourth day of March next at Eight of the Clock in the Morning of said day to act on the following Articles

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To Chuse Town Officers for the Ensuing year as the Law Directs
3 To See if the Town of Grafton will Vote that all Persons Chosen into Town Office in the said Town for the Ensuing year do their Respective Duties Free of Charge to the Town Agreable to the Petition of Ebenezer Fadden and others
4 For the Town to Order How the School shall be Kept the Ensuing year And How they will Provide a School Master
5 For the Town to order How the High Ways shall be Mended this Year And What they will Allow per Day for a Man and Team and Cash
6 For the Town to Let the Swine Run at Large this year if they See Cause
7 For the Town to Accept of a List of Jury Men agreable to an Act of Court
8 To Accept Town Debts
9 To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer
10 To See if the Town will order the Meeting House in said Town to be put into Suitable Repair in Such Parts Manner and Degree as they shall See fit to order Agreable to the Petition of Thomas Drury and others
11 To See if the Town will Build a Number of School Houses in said Town at Such Time and in Such Place and Manner as they shall See fit to Order and Furnish them with Necessary Accommodations Agreable to the Petition of Thomas Drury and others
12 For the Town if they See Cause to Accept of a High Way Two Rods Wide Beginning at a heap of Stones by Jonah Stowells Wall then Runs to a heap of Stones by Silas Warrens Land and thence as said Warrens Land Goes to the High Way a little South of Moses Haydens House
13 For the Town if they See Cause to Accept of a High Way two Rods Wide Beginning at the County Road by Moses Cutlers Land Runs Northerly North to a Stake and heap of Stones at Shrewsbury line
14 For the Town if they See Cause to Accept of the Road from Simon Brooks through the Land of William Holbrooks and the Land Belonging to the Heirs of Aaron Bigelow Deceas as an open Road or High Way
15 For the Town if they See Cause to Abate the Rate Assessed on George Smith Real Estate in the year 1787 Hereof fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant With your Doings Herein to Us or Some one of Us at or before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton February ye 11: 1789 Joseph Batchellor Ephriam Sherman Andrew Adams John Gooding Jno. Fuller Select Men for the Town of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton March ye 4: 1789. In Obedience to the Within Written Warrant I have Notified and Warned the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of Said Grafton by Posting a Copy of this Warrant at three Usual Place to Meet at Time and Place as Within Directed

Ephriam Sherman jun Constable for Grafton

(19) Grafton March ye 4th 1771 the freehold
The Votable Inhabitents of the Town of Grafton Being Met at time and pla
Agreable to the Warrant Proceed Viz
Choose Abaham Temple Moderator for said Meeting
Voted to Chuse two Wardens for the Currant Year
By a Vote Choose Henery Prentice Warden
By a Vote Choose Joseph Meriam jur. Warden
Voted to Chuse five Select Men for the Ensuing year
Put to Vote Whether the Town will have all Person Choosen in to Town
Office for the Ensuing year do their Respective Duties free of Charge to
the Town Agreable to the Petition of Ebenezer Fader and others and
And Passed in the Negative
By a Vote Choose James Leland
By a Vote Choose John Sherman
By a Vote Choose Natha Prentice
By a Vote Choose Elisha Brigham
By a Vote Choose David Wadsworth
} Select Men
By a Vote Choose Timo Darling Town Clerk
By a Vote Choose Deacon Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer
By a Vote Adjourned the Meeting for one hour and half then to meet
at the Meeting House in said Grafton Abraham Temple Moderator
By Adjournment Met again at time and place proceeded
Voted to Leave the Whol affair of Making Assessments to the Select
Men allready Choosen
Voted to Chuse two Constables for the Ensuing year
By a Vote Choose Moses Holbrook Constable for the Ensuing year
By a Vote Choose Benja Goddard Constable for the Ensuing year
Voted to Chuse all other Town officers by hand Vote
Voted to Chuse seven Surveyors of High Ways for the Ensuing year
By a Vote Choose Joseph Jervis Junr
By a Vote Choose Benja Rockwood Junr
By a Vote Choose Nathl Rawson
By a Vote Choose Joel Brooks
By a Vote Choose Lieut Phinehas Leland
By a Vote Choose John Sherman
By a Vote Choose Abraham Temple
} Surveyors of High Ways
Voted to Chuse Five Hog Hiefs
By a Vote Choose John Prentice
By a Vote Choose Moses Harrington
By a Vote Choose Samuel Smith
By a Vote Choose Daniel Willard
By a Vote Choose Philemon Hacy
By a Vote Choose Peter Thurston
} Hog Hiefs
Voted to Chuse two Tything Men
By a Vote Choose Elijah Drury
By a Vote Choose Mark Batchellor
} Tything Men

Voted to Chuse two fire wards
By a Vote Choose Jacob Stevens
By a Vote Choose Isaac Pratt fire ward
By a Vote Choose Lieut Phinehas Leland Sear Sirs
By a Vote Choose Luke Drury Sear Sirs
Voted to Chuse two fence Vewers
By a Vote Choose Leiut Abraham Brown } fence Vewers
By a Vote Choose Asaph Sherman }
Voted to Chuse two Hay ward or field Driver
By a Vote Choose Nath[l] Sherman } field Drivers
By a Vote Choose Wm[o] Darling }
By a Vote Choose Jacob Eager Sealer of Leather
By a Vote Choose Nath[l] Batcheller Sayaer of Hoops Shingles and Clabord
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Leave the Whol Affair of the Schools
to the Select men to Manage the Ensuing year and passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Allow the same price for High way Work that
Year as they did Last year Viz for a man and oxen and Cart. till the last of
September Next and passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large this year
and passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Accept of a Road that Leads from
Simon Brooks Through William Holbrooks Land and through Land belonging
to the Heirs of Aaron Brigham Deceased Two Rods Wide as an open Road
or High way as it Stands Recorded and Accepted on Grafton Town Book
of Records and passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Accept of Nath[l] Rawson Ephr.
Sherman per John Everett and Samuel Harrington for piece of Land
and passed in the Affirmative
By a Vote the Town Selected out Nath[l] Rawson for the Superior
Court and to be put in to the Superior Bore
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Accept of Moses Holbrook to
Serve as Constable in the Room of Benj[a] Todd and and passed in the Affirmative

Grafton Nov[r] ye 25 1771 We have Reckond with Deac Joseph Merian
Present Town Treasurer and Began at a Reckoning by the Selectmen
in March ye 4: 1769 Where they found them in the Treasure the sum
of One Hundred Ninety four Pound Nineteen shilling and five pence
And we have Reckond what was ordred in to the Treasury since
and what was Paid out - and we find still in the Treasury the
sum of three Hundred and seven Pound Seventeen shillings and
Eleven pence
307 · 17 · 11 } Joseph Batcheller Andrew Adams John Goulding Select men
for Grafton Joseph Merian Town Treasurer

Grafton March ye 4: 1771 this Report of the Town Treasure Read
And Accepted by the Town of Grafton Attest Jemyle Moderator

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will abate the Rates Assessed on
the Real Estate of George Smith in the year 1769 and
Passed in the Affirmative

a plan of High Way Laid out in the Town of Grafton as follows Viz
Begining at the County Road at the House of Mosel Cutler at a heap
of Stones the North side of the Road then North to a ston wall and
then as the Wall goes and thence to a heap of Stones at the corner
of Land Belonging to the Heirs of Joseph Miles the Road is two Rods
wide and the Bounds are on the East side of said Road Grafton
February ye 11: 1771 Joseph Batcheller } Sel.ct Men
Sherman Andrew Adams
John Goulding } Sel.ct Men for Grafton
March ye 4 1771 this Road Read and Accepted by the Town of Grafton
On the Proviso that Mr Mosel Cutler Gives the Land for said
Road
Abraham Temple Modrator

a plan of a High Way Laid out in Grafton as follows Viz Begining
at a heap of Stones by the ston Wall about fifty Rods East of
Jonah Lords House in said Grafton then Running East through
Land Belonging to the Heirs of Joseph Barret to a pine tree Marked
from thence Running still East to Silas Wanins Corner then Runing
full East on Mr Wanins Line to the Road South of Moses Hayden
House the Road is two Rods Wide and Lies North of the Bounds
Mentioned Grafton February ye 11: 1771 Joseph Batcheller } Sel.ct
Sherman Andrew Adams John Goulding } Men
for Grafton - March ye 4 1771 this Road Read and Accepted
by the Town of Grafton on the Proviso that Mr Moses Hayden
Gives the Land through his Land for said Road or High Way
by a Vote allowed to Noah Silas
Abraham Temple Modrator

Eight pence for keeping School in the year 1770 and for Boarding
fourteen pounds four shillings and
By a Vote Adjourned the Meeting to Monday the Eleventh day of March
Current at one of the Clock in the after Noon then to Meet at
the Meeting House in said Grafton Abraham Temple Modrator
Grafton March ye 11: 1771 then Met again at Time and Place
by Adjournment proceeded by a Vote allowed to Philemon Stacy
for High Way Worke Last year £5 · 17 · 6
By a Vote allowed to Benj.a Goddard for High Way Worke
Last year 15 · 9 · 6
By a Vote allowed to Ezekiel Bowigham for High
Way Worke Last year 8 · 5 10
By a Vote allowed to James Leland for High Way
Worke Last year 8 · 5 4
By a Vote allowed to Joseph Whipple for High
Way Worke Last yeare 7 · 2 · 0
By a Vote allowed to Ebenezer Wheelor for High Way
Worke Last year 23 · a · 8

the above High Way Accounts Read and Accepted by the Town
of Grafton on the Proviso and Condition that the Select Men do
Not Give any order to the Town Treasurer till the Last day of Septem.r
Next to pay any Mans - and then what Each Man has Don more
than his High Way Rate to Lye till it shall answer for High Way
work
Abraham Temple Mod.r

By a vote allowed to Jacob Stevens (193) for High Way Worke Last
year. omited in the account Exhibited Last year by Dea Joseph
Merriam — £0-7-
By a vote allowed to Jno. Darling for Visitt and medsn to Samuel
Heivd and Jonathan Marble and Wido Bruce — £1-8-6
By a vote, allowed to Aseph Sherman for providing a Schoole
Master Last yeer — £4-10-0
By a vote allowed to Andrew Adams for mending the
Meeting House — 0-3-0
By a vote allowed to Abr. Brown for Making Rates — 0-11
By a vote allowed to Simon Brooks for Schooling and Boarding — 8-14-0
By a vote allowed to Jno Prentice for Schooling — 6-12-0
By a vote allowed to Jno Taylor for Making Rates — 0-11-0
allowed to John prentice for making Rate — 0-11-0
allowed to Stevens prentice for Boarding a School Master — 1-13-1
allowed to Aseph Sherman for Taking Care of the Meeting
House — 0-12-0
allowed to Jonah Stow for Nursing and Boarding Samuel Heivd — 5-15-0
allowed to Dea Joseph Merriem for Keeping the Town Treasurs — 0-13-4
allowed to Eph. Sherman for a Copy of the Incamberlation Survice — 0-7-0

Attest Abraham Temple Moderator

Worcester ss To Moses Holbrook Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
In the Majesty Name you are hereby Required to Warn or Notifie
(2) the freeholders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Grafton Duly Qualifyd
to Vote in Town affairs to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in
Grafton on Monday the Twenty fourth Day of May Current at Two of the
Clock after Noon then and there to act on the following Artickls Viz
1 ly To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 ly To see if the Town Will Chuse a Committee to Join a Committee
from Shrewsbury to Make a Line part or all the way
between said Towns or act there on as they shall see
3 ly To see if the Town Will Chuse a Committee to Represent the
affaire Relating to the Bridge on the County Road Near Mr
Arnolds in said Town before the Quarter Sessions or act thereon
as they Shall think proper
4 ly To see if the Town Will Vote that the Gates in the Road Between
William Holbrooks and Sylvanus Brigham in said Town Shall be
kept ups as Usual till the Crop is Taken off of the Improvement
of the said Road) the Currant year
5 ly To see if the Town Will Vote to have the Town Meeting in Grafton
warned on Posting as Usual the Currant year
Here of fail not and Make Return of this Warrant and your doings
thereon to some one of us before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton
this Ninth of May 1771 and in the Eleventh year of his Majesty
Reign Asa John Sherman James Leland Elisha Brigham David Wadsworth
Nath. Prentice Select Men of Grafton

Agreable to this Warrant I have Warned and Notified the
freeholders and other Inhabitents of Grafton that have Right to
Vote in Town affairs
Grafton May ye 23: 1771 Moses Holbrook Constable

May ye 24: 1771 the freeholders 194 and Votable Inhabitents of said Town of Grafton Being Met at Time and Place Agreable to the Warrant Proceeded and Choose Mr. Abraham Temple Moderator

1 Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Chuse a Committee to Joyn with a Committee from Shrewsbury to Make or Settel the Line Between the Town of Shrewsbury and the Town of Grafton all or Parte of the Way Agreable to the Article in the Warrant and Passed in the Affirmative

Then Voted to Chuse five for said Committee

Choose John Sherman
Choose Nath.l Prentice
Choose Hezekiah Taylor
Choose Ephriam Sherman
Choose Timothy Darling

} A Committee to settel the line with Shrewsbury

Then put to Vote Whether the Town Will Chuse a Committee to Represent the Affair Relating to the County Bridge Near Mr. Arnolds in said Town before the Quarter Sessions as Mentioned in the Warrant and Passed in the Affirmative

Then Voted to Chuse three for said Committee

Choose Hezekiah Taylor
Choose James Leland
Choose Charles Brigham Esqr

} A Committee to go to the Sessions on Account of the Bridge Near Mr. Arnolds

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will have the Gates in the Road between William Holbrooks and Ephriam Brigham Kept Shut as Usual till the last Day of November Next to Pass and Repass as Usual and then to be an Open Road and Passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will have the Town Meetings Warned the Ensuing year by Posting Copys of the Warrant as Usual at the Usual Place and Passed in the Affirmative

Attest Abraham Temple Mod.r

(2) Worcester ss. To Moses Holbrook Constable of Grafton Greeting In his Majestys Name you are hereby Required to Notifye and Warn all the Freeholders and others Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualifyed to Vote for a Representative to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in Grafton on Monday the Sixteenth Day of September Current at Two of the Clock in the afternoon then and there to Act on the following Articles Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2 To See if the Town Will Order the the Town Meetings Meetings for the Remaining Parte of the year to be Warned Agreable to Law or Act there on as they Shall think Proper - Agreable to the Petition of Abraham Temple and others

3 To See if the Town will Proceed to Joyn with the County in Erecting a Bridge over the River Near Mr. Arnolds and in What Method

To See if the Town will Accept of a Debt assessed by the General Sessions of the County of Worcester on said Town payable to the Heirs of Obadiah Newton

To See if the Town will abate the Rates Assessed on Samuel Stoddard in the year 1764 in the Hands of Ebr Wadsworth

To See if the Town will abate the Rates assessed on Stephen Prentice for one poll in the year 1770 in the hands of Ebr Sherman late

Here of fail not but make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to Some one of us before the Hour of Meeting Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 9th Day of September 1771 James Leland } Select
John Sherman } men
Nathll Salsbury } of
Grafton

Agreable to this Warrant I have warned these Meeting by Setting a Coppy of the said Warrant at the meeting House in said Grafton and so make Return of this Warrant

Grafton September ye 16: 1771 Moses Holbrook Constable

Grafton Sept. 16 1771 the freeholders and Volable Inhabitants of said Town being met at time and place agreeable to the Warrant proceeded Chose James Leland Moderator

Put to Vote Whether the Town will act on the Second article in the Warrant Respecting the warning Town meetings and passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town will Reconsider the Vote of the Town that was passed Last May that the Town Meetings should be warned the Current year by Setting a Coppy of the Warrant as Usual at the Usual Place and passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town will have the Town Meetings Warned the Remaining parte of the year by the Constable as Goin about and Notifying the Volable Inhabitants as the Law Direct and passed in the Affirmative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Leave the Affair of Building the Bridge Near Joseph Arnolds to the Dissecretion of the Select men to Do it in the Best and Cheepest Maner they can think proper

By a Vote allowed the Heirs of Abigail Arnold four pounds for the Damage of the County Road Goin Through their Land

By a Vote abated the Rates Assessed on Stephen Prentice for one poll

By a Vote abated the Rates Assessed on Samuel Stoddard in the Hands of Ebr Wadsworth Late Constable

Attst James Leland Moderator

Worcesterss To Mose Holbrook Constable for Grafton Greeting

(1) In his Majesty's Name you are hereby Required & Notified and Warn the Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualified to act in Town affairs & meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in s^d Grafton on Monday the Eleventh Day of November Next at one of the Clock in the after noon then and there to act on the following articles Viz^t

1 To chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2 To grant Money to Defray Town Charges for the Current year

3 To grant Money to pay the Rev^d Mr Aaron Hutchinson Sallary for the present year

4 To see if the Town will allow Mr John Sherman some thing in Consideration for the Loss occasioned by the Town Road being Laid out thro his Land Leading from William Holbrook to the Meeting House in said Grafton and Hold Much

5 To see if the Town will allow Mr William Holbrook a Consideration for the Road that the Town has Laid thro his Land and Hold Much

6 For the Town to accept of Town Debts if they See Cause

Here of fail Not and Make Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us before the Hour of Meeting Given under our hands and seal this 28th Octr 1771 at Grafton aforesaid and in the Eleventh year of the Reign of the King

James Leland John Sherman Elisha Brigham David Wadsworth Select Men for Grafton

Agreable to this Warrant I have Warned this Meeting by posting a Copy of said Warrant at the usual place and by Notifying Grafton Nov^r y^e 9: 1771

Mose Holbrook Constable

Grafton Nov^r y^e 11: 1771 the Freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of s^d Town Being Met at time and place Agreable to the Warrant proceeded I chose James Leland Moderator.

By a Vote Granted Sixty pounds to pay Town Debts the present year

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Grant to the Rev^d Mr Aaron Hutchinson his Sallary for the present year and passed in the Negative 27 against it and 24 for granting it

Put to Vote whether the Town Will Make John Sherman any Consideration by the Means of a Road Laid thro his Land as Mentioned in the Warrant and passed in the Negative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Make William Holbrook any Consideration for a Road Laid thro his Land as Mentioned in the Warrant and passed in the Negative

By a Vote allowed to Deacon Joseph Merriam One pound Twelve Shillings for Mending the Meeting House Glass Last March

By a Vote granted Eighty pounds to pay for mending Highways Next year

By a Vote allowed to Samuel Harrington one day work for Last year

By a Vote allowed to William Holbrook one day work for Last year

By a Vote allowed to Jonathan Hall a Last year Surveyor of Highways the Sum of £13 - 9 - 19 for him self and men in his District

By a Vote allowed to Lieut Hinchal Leland the present year Surveyor of Highways £14 - 4 - 2 for him self and Men in his District

By a Vote allowed to Abraham Temple the present year Surveyor of Highways £11 - 1 - 7 for him self and Men in his District

By a Vote allowed to Benja Rockwood for the present year Surveyor of Highways £11 - 18 - 9 for him self and Men in his District

By a Vote allowed to Joseph Severy for present Surveyor of High Ways £4 - 7 - 1 for him self and men in his District

By a Vote allowed to Hez. Taylor 0 - 19 - 0 shillings for Cost and petitioning to the Superior Court about the Bridge Nye Mr. Arnolds

By a Vote allowed to John Sherman present Surveyor of High Ways £4. for him self and Men in his District

By a Vote allowed to John Sherman £0 - 12 - 10 for plank & Labor High Ways

By a Vote allowed to Ezekiel Brigham £0 - 10 - 4 for plank to answer for High Ways Suits

By a Vote allowed to Asaph Sherman £0 - 6 - 0 for plank on Saving to answer High Ways Suits

By a Vote allowed to James Leland £0 - 8 - 8 for goin to Boston Court about the Bridge by Mr Arnold

Attest James Leland moderator

To Mosh Holbrook Constable for Grafton Greeting

In his Majesty's Name you are hereby Required to Notify and Warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Duly Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in Grafton on Tuesday the twenty fourth day of this Instant December at one of the Clock after Noon then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2 To see if the Town will agree by a Vote to pay the Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinsons Salary the Currant year Agreable to Compact as in a Petition of Joseph Willard and others

3 To see if the Town will Come in with the Late Result of a Council Convened at Grafton aforesaid November ye 13 1770 Agreable to the petition of Silas Warin and others

A To See if the Town Will Dismiss the Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinson
from his Pastoral office in this Place as set forth in a petition
of Silas Warrin and others
Here of fail not and Make Return of this Warrant and of your doings
thereon to some one of us Before the Hour of Meeting Given
under our hands and Seal this 9th day of December 1771 in the 12th Year
of the Reign &c at Grafton aforesaid James Leland John Sherman
Elisha Brigham Daniel Wadsworth Select Men of Grafton
a greable to this Warrant I have Notified and Warned all the freeholders
and other Inhabitents of the Town of Grafton that hath a right to Vote in
Town affairs Grafton December 23 1771 Mosh Holbrook Constable

Grafton December ye 24: 1771 the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of said Town
being Met at time and place agreable to the Warrant proceeded
By a Vote Chose Mr. Abraham Temple Moderator
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Grant to the Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinson
Sixty pounds for his Sallary the present year and passed in the Affirmative
Hezekiah Taylor Eph.m Sherman Silas Warrin James Leland
Nath.l Sherman per Benja Gaffield David Forbush Eph.m Sherman jun.r
Isaac Hannington Ezekiel Brigham John Thurston David Grout
Samuel Colcjple Luke Drury Andrew Adams

Dissents against the Vote in granting the Revd Mr. Aaron Hutchinson
Sixty pounds for his Sallary the present year for these Reasons that
the Revd Mr. Aaron Hutchinson has No Right to his Sallary according
to Agreement and Settlement - and has forfeited said Sallary by his
irregular Conduct as has been proved before an Ecclesiastal Council
Called on Novr. 13th: 1770 and was found Guilty of Dissimulation
Hypocrisy & Violation of Truth
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Accept of the Result of Council
as Mentioned in the Warrant and passed in the Negative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Dismiss the Ministers as
Mentioned in the Warrant and passed in the Negative
Abr Temple Moderator

Worcester ss To Mosh Holbrook Constable for Grafton Greeting
(L) In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required forth With
to Warn all the freeholders and other Votable Inhabitents of Grafton
Duly Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to Meet and Assemble
at the Meeting House in grafton on Monday the second day of
March Next at eight of the Clock in the fore Noon to
Act on the following Articles Viz
1 To Chuse Moderator for said Meeting
2 To Chuse Town Officers for the year Ensuing
3 To accept Town Debts
4 To See How the Town Will order the School the present year
5 To See How the Town Will order the High Ways to be Repaired the Currant
year or act there on as they think proper

To see if the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large the present year

To see if the Town will abate the Rates assessed on Benj.a Willard for his head in the Hands of Lt. Wadsworth late Constable

To accept of the Regorte of the present Town Treasurer

to accept of a List of Jurors

to Chuse a Committee to Seat the Meeting House if they think proper agreable to the petition of Henery prentice and others Here of fail not to Make Return of this Warrant and of your doings thereon to some one of us Before the time of Meeting Dated at Grafton this 17.th February 1772 and in the Twelfth year of the King &c

James Leland John Sherman Elisha Brigham
David [illegible] Matth.a Prentice Select Men of Grafton

agreable to this Within Writen Warrant I have Warned all the Votable Inhabitents to meet at the Time and Place to act on the following Articles in said Meeting by me &c

Grafton March ye 2.d 1772 Mose.s Holbrook Constable

March ye 2.d 1772 the freeholders and Votable Inhabitents of Grafton Being Met at time and place agreable to the Warrant

Choose Dea.n Joseph Batchellor Moderator for the Meeting

Voted to Chuse two Wardens for the Ensuing year

Choose Daniel Grout
Choose Joel Brooks } Wardens

Voted to Chuse five Select Men for the present year

Choose Dea.n Joseph Batchellor
Choose Charles Brigham Esq.r
Choose Lieut John Gerding
Choose Matth.a Prentice
Choose James Whipple

Select Men for the year 1772
March ye 2.d 1772 Joseph Batchellor John Gerding Nathaniel Slater Prentice and James Whipple had the oath of A Select Man administred to them by Charles Brigham Justice of the peace
Dea.n Brigham had the oath of an Assessor and Charles Darling Town Clerk administred to them by Dea.n Joseph Batchellor Justice of the peace

Choose Tim.o Darling Town Clerk for the Ensuing year

Choose Dea.n Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer for the Ensuing year

By a Vote Adjourned the Meeting for one Hour and half hour then to meet at the Meeting House in Grafton Joseph Batchellor Moderator

By Adjournment Met again at time and place

Voted to Chuse two Constables for the present year

Choose Matth.a Sherman Jun.r
Choose Matth.a Whitney } Constables

Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Chuse Assessors for the present year and passed in the Negative

Choose Amos Davis
Choose Paul Wheelock } Fyfteen men for the Ensuing year

Voted to Chuse seven Surveyors of High Ways for the Ensuing year

Choose John Whipple Choose Mose.s Hayden Choose Ephraim Lyon
Choose Tim.o Darling Choose Samuel Hannington Choose Benj.a Leland
Choose Lieut Abr Brown Surveyors of High Ways the present year

Voted to Chuse seven Hogriefs (200) for the present year
Choose John Prentice Choose Samuel Wadsworth Choose Nearby Bodwitch
Choose Jonathan Wheeler Choose Philemon Stacy Choose Simon Waite
Hogriefs for the present year
Voted to Chuse two Fence Viewers Choose Henery Prentice Choose Moses
Harrington
Voted to Chuse two Fire Wards Choose Joseph Goodell Choose Luke
Drury Fire Wards
Voted to Chuse two Sealers of Leather Choose Hezekiah Taylor Choose
Philemon Stacy
Voted to Chuse two Field Drivers Choose Joseph Warin Choose
Zac.ª Warrin
Choose Lyhiam Lyon Sealer of Leather
Choose Andrew Adams Sugaer of Hoops and Shingles and Boards
Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men to Manage the affair of
the School the present year
Choose Natth.ll Sherman 2.ª Choose Benj.ª Rockwood 3.ª Choose Ephr.m
Sherman Choose Joseph Willard 4.th Choose Lieut Phinehas Leland
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Let the Swine Run at
Large the present year and Passed in the Affirmative
Voted to Chuse a Committee of five men to Seat the Meeting House
Choose Andrew Adams Choose Luke Drury Choose Natth.ll Sherman 2.ª
Choose Natth.ll Prentice Choose Lieut Abraham Brown Sen.r
Said Committee
By a Vote Accepted of Dani.l Fowler Esq.r Jabez Wadsworth David
Wadsworth William Brigham as fence men and by a Vote
Accepted of David Forbush for the Superior Bore

Grafton Feb.ry 23 1772

this Day Record with Mr Joseph Miriam Treasurer for the
Town of Grafton and found in the Treasury £307:17:11
and find he has paid out by order from the Selectmen 147£-9-
and then added into the Treasury £200-0-0 and there Now
Remains in the Treasurey £360-12-1:2

John Sherman
Samuel Leland
Natth.ll Prentice
Elisha Brigham
David Wadsworth
} Select men of Grafton.

Joseph Miriam Town Treasurer

Grafton March 2.d 1772 this Report Read and Accepted by the Town
of Grafton Joseph Batchellor Moderator

By a Vote Adjourned the Meeting to Monday the Sixteenth Day of
March Current at one of the Clock in the afternoon then
to Meet at the Meeting House in said Grafton

Joseph Batchellor Moderator

Grafton March ye 16: 1772 the (201) freeholders and Voluable Inhabitants of Said Town being by Adjournment met at time and place provided voted and allowed the same for High way work that year as they did last year Viz Man and Teame from this time till the last of September Next

then proceeded to Accept of Town Debts

allowed to Nath[l] Prentice			£6 · 4 · 6
for providing a Cramer School Master and Boarding and to 3 days Taking the general Valuation			0 - 6 - 0
allowed to Elisha Brigham for Taking a Valuation and Making Rates			0 - 18 · 0
allowed to John Prentice for Schooling and Boarding			7 · 11 · 8
allowed to Joseph Merriam for Keeping the Treasurers			0 - 13 · 4
allowed to John Sherman to Boarding Samuel Heard ad Making Rates			1 - 9 · 6
allowed to Henary Prentice for Bounding the School Master			1 - 8 - 0
allowed to William Brigham for Mending the Pound 2 days			0 · 4 · 0
allowed to David Wadsworth for Making Rates			0 · 6 · 0
allowed to James Leland for a Styney for the Great Bridge			0 · 13 · 9½
allowed to John Prentice for assistance about the Valuation			0 · 4 · 0
allowed to Noah Vilal for Schooling and Boarding			15 · 17 · 4
allowed to James Leland for Making Rates and Taking the Valuation and Preambulating			0 - 16 · 0
allowed to Mr. Brown for Preparing the Valuation			0 · 2 · 0
allowed to John Sherman for Making Rates 3 days			0 - 6 - 0
By a Vote Allowed to Nathaniel Rawson Last year Surveyor of High ways for him self and Men in his District the Sum of			£9 · 15 · 0
By a Vote allowed to Joel Brooks Last year Surveyor of High Ways for him self and Men in his District the Sum of			£10 · 7 · 2

Joseph Batcheller Moderator

March ye 16: 1772 These Certifie whom it Concerns that Nathaniel Sherman was Sworn to the oath Respecting the Passing the other Government Bill Administred to him and the oath of a Constable Administred to him for the Town of Grafton in the Absence of a Justice of ye Peace

By Tim[o] Darling Town Clerk for Grafton

Worcester ss To Nathl. Sherman Jun Constable for Grafton Greeting
In his Majesty's Name you are hereby Required to Warn or Notify
the Inhabitents of Grafton Duly Qualified for to Chuse a man to Represent
them at the Great and General Court to be holden at Cambridge the 27
Day of May Instant that they Meet and Assemble at the Meeting
House at Grafton on Monday the Eighteenth of this Instant May at Two
of the Clock after Noon for that purpose — and also at three of said
you are to Warn the Inhabitents of said Town Duly Qualified to act
in Town affairs Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To Accept of Town Debts
3 To see if the Town will apply to the Quarter Session of the County
of Worcester to have the County Road by Jacob Whipples Discontinued
or act there on as they shall think proper
A For the Town to accept of the Report of the Committee Chose by said
Town to seat the Meeting House
5 To see if the Town will Order the Town Meetings for this present
year to be Warned by Posting
6 To see what Method they will Mend and Repaire the Great Bridge
over Nye David Stow Near of fail Not And Make Due Return of this
Warrant to some one of us before the Hour of Meeting Dated
at Grafton aforesaid this Eleventh Day of May 1772 and in the
Twelfth year of the Reign of King George the Third

John Goulding Nath.l Peirce James Whipple Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss In obedience to this Warrant I have Warned or Notified
all the Inhabitents of Grafton to Meet at Time and Place
Aforesaid Grafton May 15.th 1772 Nath.l Sherman Jun Constable for Grafton

Grafton May ye 18.th 1772 the Freeholders and Notable Inhabitents of said Town
being met at Time and Place agreable to the Warrant and Choose Lieut
John Goulding Moderator for said Meeting
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Dismiss the third article in the Warrant
Respecting the County Bridge by Jacob Whipples and Passed in the Affirmative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Chuse a Committee to Return the
Bridge Nye David Stow Over Letting it out to them that will do it Best
and Cheapest Choose Luke Drury Choose Nath.l Sherman Jun Choose
David Forbush for said Committee
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will Accept the Report of the Committee
Seating the Meeting House as Mentioned in the Warrant and Passed in the Negative
Put to Vote Whether the Town Will have the Town Meetings Warned
the present year by Posting and Passed in the Affirmative

John Goulding Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Nathaniel Whitney Constable for Grafton Greeting
In his Majesty's Name you are hereby Required to Notifie or warn the Inhabitants
of Grafton duly qualified to act in Town affairs that they meet and Assemble at the
Publick Meeting House in said Town on Monday the Twenty Eight of this Instant September
at one of the Clock After noon then and there to act on the following Articles viz)

1 To Chose a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To Raise Money to Defray Town Charges for the Currant year
3. To Accept of Town Debts
4 To See if the Town will order the Select men of Said Town to Assess the Sum of
Sixty Pounds to pay the Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinson Salary for the present year
5 To See if the Town will abate the Rates Assessed on Lieut Elisha Leland for one
Poll in the Hands of Mose Holbrook Late Constable How of Said Not and Make the
Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us before the Hour of
Meeting Dated at Grafton aforesaid this 14 September 1772 and in the Twelfth year of
the Reign of King George the Third
Nathaniel Whitney Jonathan Gooding Nathaniel Prentice James Whipple Selectmen of Grafton

By putting a Copy of this Warrant & Name Notified or warned the Men Qualified to Act
in Town affairs According to the Contents of Warrant to Meet at Time and Place Within
Mentioned Grafton Sept. 28 1772 Nathaniel Whitney Constable

Grafton 28 of September 1772 The Town of Grafton Met by a Legal warning and Made
Choice of Mr Abraham Temple for a Moderator for said Meeting
The Town Clerk not Being present by a Vote made Choice of Nath.l Prentice
a Clerk pro Tempore
By a Vote Granted Sixty Pounds to Defray Town Charges the Currant year
By a Vote Accepted the account of Jacob Wadsworth the Sum of Four Pounds
By a Vote Accepted Mose Holbrooks account three Shillings
By a Vote Accepted the Committees account for Building a Bridge over the River
Near David Hoods £7. 12: 8
Put to Vote whether the Town would order the Select men of Said Town to Assess the
Sum of Sixty Pounds to pay the Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinson Sallary for the present
year Passed in the Negative
Put to Vote whether the Town would abate the Rates Assessed on Lieut Elisha
Leland for one Poll in the Hands of Mose Holbrook Late Constable Passed in the Negative
Attest Abraham Temple Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr. Nathanl Sherman pr Constable for Grafton Greeting
In his Majesties Name you are hereby Required to Warn & Notify the
Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to
Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in s Town on Monday
the Seventh Day of December Next at ten of the Clock before Noon
to act on the following Articles Viz
1 To Chose a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To see how the Town will order the Highways in said Town to be Rep.
in Repair the Ensuing year and what they will allow for man
and Team pr Day and Raise Money for that Purpose if they think
proper
3 To see if the Town will provide for the supply of the Pulpitt in said
Town and to Raise Money for that Purpose if they see Cause
4 To Raise Money to pay the Rev.d Mr Aaron Hutchinson Sallary for five
Months past which Remains his Due
5 To see if the Town will Chose a Committee and impower them to Join
the Committee from Shrewsbury to Survey the plan of the Line Made
Between the Two Provinces that to the General Court in order to have
the same Established
6 To see if the Town will abate the Rates Assessed on one poll in the
Hands of Ephraim Sherman pr Late Constable upon Charles Brigham Esqr
Here of fail not and Make Return of this Warrant to some one of us
before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton aforesaid this 20th Day of November
1772 and in the Thirteenth year of the Reign of King George the Third
Brigham John Goulding Nathl. Prentice James Rhind Select men of Grafton
pursuant to the within Warrant I have Warned the freeholders & Voters
Inhabitants to Meet at time and place pr me Nathl. Sherman Jr Constable
Grafton December 7th 1772
Agreeable to this Warrant the Town Being Meett at time and place proceed
Chose Mr. Abraham Temple Moderator
Voted to Chose a Committee to supply the Pulpitt
Vote to Chose five for said Committee Chose Capt John Goulding Chose
Simon Brown Chose Deacon Joseph Merriam Chose Deacon Joseph Batchelder
Chose Capt Samuel Warrin for said Committee
Voted to grant Money to pay for preaching
By a Vote granted Sixty Pounds to pay for supplying the Pulpitt
Put to Vote Whether the Town will Allow the same Price for
High Ways Work the Ensuing Spring from Now to the Last of September Next
as they did Last year Viz for Man and Team and Pair in the Proportion
Then by a Vote Adjourned the Meeting to Monday the 21st Day of December
Current at One of the Clock in the afternoon on said day then
to Meett at the Meeting House in Grafton att Abr.m Temple Moderator
Lbr Wadsworth for Eph.m Lyon Abr.m Temple Jno.a Darling John Sherman
Samuel Warrin pr Honour Prentice Moll Cutler William Holbrook
Zacha Warrin Eng.d Daniel Berry Garfield David Wadsworth
John Sherman pr Simon Waite Jno.a Sherman John Newton

Deputt against the Vote in granting Sixty Pounds for supplying
the Pulpitt

By Adjournment the Town Met again at Time and place Voted to Vote Whether the Town will Reconsider the Vote that was past by the Town the seventh day of this Instant which was a grant of Sixty Pounds to Supply the Pulpit with and past in the Affirmative
Then put to Vote Whether the Town will grant Thirty five Pounds to Supply the Pulpit with and passed in the Affirmative
Jacob Whipple Daniel Wadsworth Jno. Darling Benj. Crafts Eph. Lyon
Peter Brock Samuel Whipple Ebenezer Wadsworth Jr Henry Prentice
Ephm Brigham John Sherman Jr
Desent against the Vote in granting Thirty five pounds to pay for Supplying the pulpit
Voted to Vote Whether the Town will Reconsider the Vote that was past the Seventh Day of this Instant in Chusing a Committee to Supply the pulpit and past in the Negative
Voted to Vote Whether the Town will abate the Rates of one Dollar assd on Charles Rugham as Mentioned in the Warrent and past in the Negative
By a Vote Adjourned the Meeting, for one quarter of an Hour then to Meet at this place attst Abra Temple Moderator

By Adjournment Met again at Time and place Voted
Voted to Chuse a Committee to Join in the Committee from Shrewsbury to Survey the Line of the line Between said Town & the General Court that the said Plan may be Confirmed
By a Vote Chose Mr. Nath. Prentice } Committee
By a Vote Chose Mr John Sherman }
attst Abra Temple Moderator

(D) Worcester ss To Nathaniel Sherman Jr Constable Greeting In his Majesty's Name you are hereby Required to Notifie and Warn the Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet and Assemble at the Meeting House in said Grafton on Monday the twenty first Day of this Instant December at Twelve of the Clock at Noon then and there to act on the following articles Viz
1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 To See if the Town will Concur With the Elsewhere Vote in Dismissing the Revd Aaron Hutchinson from his pastoral office in this place and to Chuse a Committee to Settle With him in Case or act there on or as they shall think fitt
3 To See if the Town will accept of a plan Made of a line Between this Town and Shrewsbury in Order that an article presented in a late Warrant for a Town Meeting in this place Which Stands Adjourned to this Day may then take place and be acted upon Accordingly
4 To See if the Town will come into any Method to Settle the Controversy With the proprietors of this Town Relating to the Publick Lands in said Town or any other Controverted point Relating thereto or to act there on as they shall think Proper
5 To See if the Town Would Signify by a Vote there Desire that the Revd Mr Hutchinson Preach one Sabbath more With us as a pastor well Assemble to the Petition of Ebenezer Cutler and others
Grafton December 7th 1772 Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant With your doings thereon unto one of us before the Hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton the Seventh day of December in the Twelfth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third King &c Annoq Domini 1772
Nathll Prentice Select Men for Grafton Joseph Batchelder Charles Brigham John Goulding
Worcester ss Grafton Decr 10th 1772 In obedience to the within Warrant I have Warned the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of Grafton to Meet at Time and place as within Directed by Posting a Copy of this Warrant at the usual place
Nathaniel Sherman Jr Constable

Grafton December ye 21: 1772 (206) the freeholders and Votable Inhabitants
Being Meet at time and place Greable to the Warrant proceeded Viz
1 Choose Capt Samuel Wamin Moderator for said Meeting.
By a vote Adjourned the Meeting to three of the Clock in the after noon of this
Day then to Meet at this place attst Samuel Wamin Moderator
By Adjournment Meett again at time and place Provided
By a Vote accepted the plan of the Line Betwixt Grafton and Shrewsbury
By a Vote Adjourned the Meeting for Seven Minutes and a half then to Meett
at the Meeting House in said Grafton attst Samuel Wamin Moderator
By Adjournment the Town Meett again at time and place
Put to Vote whether the Town will Concur with the Churches Vote
V in Dismissing the Revend Mr. Hutchinson and Passed in the Negative
Votee to Chuse a Committee to Join the Proprietors or their Committee in order
for a Settlement with the Town said Proprietors Respecting the Publick Lands
in said Town as Mentioned in the Warrant
Votee to Chose three for said Committee
By a Vote Choose James Leland
By a Vote Choose Nath.ll Prentice } Committee.
By a Vote Choose Luke Drury
Votee that said Committee Make Search and Look in to the affairs of
the Town and Proprietors Respecting said affairs as Mentioned in the Warrant
and Make Reporte to the Town as soon as may be
attst Samuel Wamin Moderator
(2) Worcester ss Jonathan Whitney Constable for Grafton Greeting
In his Majestys Name you are hereby Required to warn said Notify the Inhabitants
of Grafton Duly Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to Meet and Assemble
at the Meeting House in said Town on Monday the 25th of this Instant at
twelve O Clock at Noon then and there to Act on the following
Articles (Viz)
1 To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
2 For the Town to have a Letter of Correspondence from the Town of Boston
and to act thereon as they shall think most fitt and Proper
3 To hear the Report of their Committee Chosen to Look into the affairs
Labouring Betweech the Proprietors of this Town & the Town and to act
thereon as they see Cause.
4 To Raise money to Pay the Revd Aaron Hutchinsons Rearages Due
5 To See if the Town will abate the Rates assess'd on Joseph Arnold in
the Hands of Moses Holbrook Late Constable or any part thereof
6 To See if the Town will abate the Rates assess'd on John Rooks in the
Hands of Moses Holbrook Late Constable.
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant and your doings
thereon to some one of us before the hour of meeting
Dated at Grafton this Eleventh Day of January 1773 and in the Thirteenth
year of the Reign &c. Joseph Batcheller, Charles Brigham, John Goulding
Nathll S. Prentice, James Whipple, Select men of Grafton.
In Perfuance of this Warrant, I have Taken Care to warn and notify all
that are Qualified to act in Town affairs to meet at time and place according
to the within warrant by Posting a Copy of the Same at the meeting House Nathll
Whitney Constable Grafton January 25: 1773.

January d 25: 1773 the freeholders and Notable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton being meett at time and place agreeable to the warrant proceeded viz
By a vote Choose m^r Abraham Temple moderater for said meeting
Put to vote whither the Town will Chuse a Committee to take into Consideration the Letter of Correspondency from the Committee of Boston and make Report to the Town and it Passed in the affirmative voted to Chuse five for said Committee By a vote Choose Ephraim Sherman, Nath^ll. Prentice, Timothy Darling, Cpt. John Goulding, Luke Drury for said Committee.

Put to vote whither the Town will abate the Rates assess^d on John Rook^d. in the Hands of Moses Holbrook Late Constable and it Pass^d in the affirmative.

Put to vote, whither the Town will abate the minister Rate assess^d on Joseph Arnold in the Hand of moses Holbrook Late Constable, and it Passed in the affirmative.
Put to vole, whither the Town will Raise money to Pay the Rev^d Aaron Hutchinson Rearages Due, and it passed in the Negative.

and Proceeded
to hear the Report of the Committee viz: James Leland, Nath^ll. Prentice, Luke Drury, and is as followes, viz: We the Subscriben being a Committee Chosen by the Town of Grafton to Look into the affair that has of a Long time Been Labouring Between the s^d Town & the proprietors of s^d Town Relating to the Publick Lands in the same Town &c. and to make Report Therefore beg Leave to Report which is as follows (viz) we find in the year 1738/9 that the Town of Grafton & the Proprietors of s^d Town at Legal meetings Chose their Committee and that s^d Committe agree upon the Towns Taking upon themselves the Obligations that that the Proprietors are under to the General Courts Committee, or Trustees of Indian affairs there to maintain a Gospel minister, as also a Schoolmaster for the Indians as well as for themselves forever in s^d Town that the s^d Proprietors Quit their Right in the meeting House and the Twenty acres of Land Laid out in s^d Town for a School Lot with the four acres Laid out therefor a Training feild, and also the Burying place unto the Town as a Separate Propriety, and both the Town and Proprietors accepted of Result of their Committee as by their Record appear which Obligation we find the Town has not Taken upon themselves as yet and we also have the Opinion of the Hon^ble Trustees with the advice and opinion of his Excelency the Governor that the Town Specially appoint a Committee and impower or their Selectmen to give s^d Obligation to the s^d General Courts Committee as mentioned in an Order of Court pass^d the 30 of January 1740 all which is Humbly Submitted, James Leland, Nath^ll. Prentice, Luke Drury, Committee Grafton January d 25: 1773. Grafton January d 25: 1773 this Report Read and a Second time and accepted by the Town of Grafton by a full vote attest^d Abraham Temple Moderator voted to Chuse a Committee to give Bond to the Trustees as sett forth in the Report now accepted voted to Chuse three for s^d Committee, by a vote Chose Nath^ll. Prentice James Leland, Luke Drury, for s^d Committee Put to vote whither the Town will impower their Committee viz: Nath^ll. Prentice, James Leland, Luke Drury and indemnify them in giving Bond to the Trustees in Behalf of the Town agreable to the order of Court 1740 &c & a Report this Day accepted from s^d Committee Passed in the affirmative
By a vote adjourned the meeting to the first Day of February at two of the Clock in the after noon at the meeting House in Grafton, attest^d Abraham Temple moderator.

Grafton February 9th: 1773 (204) by adjournment met at time and Place, Proceeded to Hear the Report of the Committee of Correspondency who Reported as follow viz: That the Town when Reflecting on the many Enumerated violations of their Rights and Liberties that are therein well Stated (as we apprehend) are of the opinion that great and many are our Rights and Privilidges granted to us by our Late Sovereign King Wm and Queen mary of of Glorious memory, as well by Compact as Contained in our Charter, But to Reflect and Consider those acts of Late have been pass'd as we aprehend, Repugnant to these our Charter Rights in a more particular manner that in Extorting our money from us, in an unConstitutional way to Support his Excelency the Governor of this Province and of fixing Stipends on the Justices of the Superior Courts and Establishing their Commissions in an unConstitutional way, and Contrary to our English Privilidges (as we aprehend) are big with Ev viz: which Report was Read and accepted by the Town, Then Resolved as follows viz:

That it is the Earnest and Humble Desire of this Town that the Several Branches of the Great and General Court of this Province unite with their Petition to our Gracious Sovereign on the British throne (Whose Name Honour and Dignity we Desire Even to Revere) as well as the British Parliament for a Redress of these our Grievances.

Resolved that the unites Opinion of this Town is Ever to hold our Birth Right and Charter Privilidges as in violate at the Risque of our all,

Resolved That this Town Return their most Sincere thanks to their Patriotick Brethren in Boston for their Exerting Such a Noble Spirit at this Critical Time

Resolved that the Town Clerk attest a Copy of the Proceedings of this Town and forward the Same to the Committee of Correspondents in Boston as Soon as may be Then by a vote the Town made Choice of Mr Ephraim Shearman Capt John Goulding, Timothy Darling, for a Committee of Correspondents with Boston Committee and others attest Abraham Temple Moderator

Worcester ss To Nath[l] Sherman J. Constable Greeting

(59) In his Majesties name you are hereby Requierd to warn & notify the Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualified to act in Town affairs to meet and assemble at the meeting house in D. Town on monday the first of march next at Eight of the Clock in the morning then and there to act on the following Articles Viz

1 To choose a moderator for D meeting
2 To choose Town officers for the year Ensueing as the Law Directs
3 To accept of Town Debts
4 To See how the Town will order the School for the Ensueing year
5 To See if the Town will Lett the Swine Run at Large the Ensuing year
6 To hear the Report of the Town Treasurer
7 To See if the Town will accept of a Bridle way Two Rod wide Laid out Beginning at a Small pitch pine on the northerly side of the Road Leading from Capt Thomas Drury to Philomon Stacy and Running Northerly on the East of Said pine till it Comes to the County Road by Bowmet Brook So called chiefly on Land of John Prentice and where the path is now Trod nearly.
8 To accept of a Road Laid out from the Road Leading by Benj[a] Rockwood and Benj[a] Thurston Beginning at the Northwesterly Corner of David Forbush's Land by D. Road then Two Rods by the D. Road on John

John Thurston Land North then Running Easterly a parralel Line with the Line Between P. Forbush & Thurston unto Upton Line agreeable to the Petition of Jim.a Darling & others

9 To abate the Rates aspd. on Joseph Goodale for one poll in the hands of Moses Holbrook Late Constable

10 To abate the High way Rate aspd. on John Batchelor in the hands of Ebenr. Wadsworth Late Constable

11 To abate the Rates aspd. on Lieut Hez: Ward on one poll to the province as also the Rate of John Stow, Samd. Stoddard, James Legg, and Eli Bruce in the hands of Ephraim Sherman J. Late Constable

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon to Some one of us before the hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton this Eleventh Day of Febuary 1773 and in the Thirteenth year of the King &c

Joseph Batchelor
Charles Brigham
John Goulding
Nathl. Prentice
James Whipple
} Sel.d Men of Grafton

Grafton 1st March 1773

Persuant to the within written Warrant I have warn.d and notified the Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time and place as Sett forth therein by posting a Copy of the Same

Nathl. Sherman J. Conf.s

Grafton March 1st 1773

The Town of Grafton according to their warning Met at time and place and made choise of Nathl. Sherman J.r for Moderator

By a vote chose Nathl. Sartell Prentice for Town Clerk Sworn

By a vote chose Joseph Batchelor
Abr.m Brown
Luke Drury
Nath.l Sherman
Benj.a Garfield
} Sel.d men

By a Vote chose Dea Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer Sworn

By a vote chose Jon.a Wheelor & Solomon Prentice J.r Wardens

Solomon Prentice Jr. Sworn

By a vote adjorn.d for one Hour

Nathl. Sherman J.r Moderator

March 1773 (210)

Then mett according to ajornment & Voted to choose 3 ajssors

By Voter chose John Prentice
Jos: Meriam Jr
Simon Brooks
} Assessors

By Voter chose Nath[ll] Sartell Prentice
Luke Drury & Sworn
} Constables

Vot[d] to choose 7

By Voter chose Tim[o]: Sherman
Jos: Warrin
Sam[ll]: Flegg
Lau[h]: Warrin
Benj[a]: Garfield
Eben[r]: Wadsworth
Eben[r]: Sadler
} Surveyors of High ways

Those persons chosen Surveyors of High ways at a Meeting on the first Monday in March

By a Vote chose Capt John Goulding for a Surveyor of high ways then by a Vote Reconsider the Same

By a Vote chose Capt John Goulding
Jos: Perry Jr
Nathan Worth
Manoah Drury
Wm Brigham
Nath[ll] Ward
Tim[o]: Meriam
Nath[ll] Sherman Jr
David Stow
} voted to choose 9 Hog Reavers

Those persons all sworn to their Offices except Capt John Goulding who refuses to serve

Voted 4

By Voter chose Sam[ll] Warrin Jr
Moses Hayden
Sam[ll]: Wadsworth
Elisha Brigham
} Tything Men

Those persons sworn to their Offices except Elisha Brigham who refuses to serve

Vot[d] 2

By Voter chose Daniel Grout
Manoah Drury
} Deer Reavers

Vot[d] 3

By Voter chose Henry Prentice
Perley Batchelor
Jos: Warrin
} Fence Viewers. all Sworn

March 1773 (211) Vot 2

By a Vote chose Sam[ll] Herington } Field Driver Sworn
Tim[o]: Sherman }

By a vote chose Ephraim Lyon Sealer of Leather Sworn
By a vote chose Nath[ll] Batchelor Surveyor of hoop Clabboard & Shingles

Vot 2

By Voter chose Paul Wheelock } Fire Ward.
John Thurston }

Put to Vote whether the Town Referr the case of a School the Ensuing year to a committee Pass in the affirmative
By a vote agreed to choose five for their School Committee
By a vote chose Daniel Grout
Elisha Brigham
Silas Warren
Ep[m] Sherman J[r]
Asaph Sherman } Com[ee]

Put to vote whether the Town will Lett the Swine Rase at Large the Ensuing year Pass in the Affirmative
Put to vote whether the Town accept of a Road Laid out thro John Prentice Land as in the Article Inserted in the warrant for this Meeting with the proviso that the P. John give the Improvement of P Road for a Bridle way Dureing the Town's Pleasure for that use Pass in the Affirmative

By a Vote ajourn[d] to monday Eight ~~o Clock~~ Instant to this Place at Twelve of the Clock at Noon

Nath[ll] Sherman J. Mod

Monday March 8[th] 1773 The Town of Grafton met according to ajornment
Putt to vote whether the Town accept of Henry Prentice to Serve as Constable for Grafton the Ensuing year in the room & Stead of Nath[ll] Prentice and was Sworn to his Office Pass in the affirmative

Then Proceeded to accept of Town Debts agreeable to the Warrant

March 1773 (212)

By a Vote accept of an account Brought in by Moses Hayden for Repairing High ways with the proviso that all persons mentioned in his Bill that have work more then their proportion Sett Down To them in the List or Tax bill in the hands of Moses Holbrook Late Constable for the purpose of Repairing High ways Do not receive Money but that it Ly for the next year and those that Want work Enough to Ballance their Taxes as above be work out the next Season The amount of s[d] Bill — £ 13 " 15 " 4

Vote to accept of a Bill Brought in by Eps[r] Lyon for the Same purpose and with the Same provision as the other } 12 " 6 " 3

By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by John Whipple with the Like provisions } 7 " 8 " 8

By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Sam[ll] Heiington with the Like provisions } 9 " 8 " 6

By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Benj[a] Ll Land with Same provisions } 9 " 19 —

By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Abraham Brown with the Same provision } 10 " 18 " 4

By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Nath[ll] Sartell Prentice for making a Line Between Shrewsbury and Grafton as a Committee man for that purpose } 0 " 5 " 4

By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Hezekiah Taylor for the Same purpose } 0 " 4 " 0

By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by John Sherman for the Same purpose } 1 " 4 " 0

By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Dea Joseph Batchelor and others a committee to Provide for preaching Eps[r] Sherman & Sam[ll] Heiington David Forth Jos: Whipple & Hannah Drury Entered their Dissent to this vote but no Reasons Given } 11 " 6 " 0

By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Dea Joseph Batchelor and others Select men the past year for Supporting Mary Vickery an Indigent Girl } 3 " 0 " 6

By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Dea Joseph Merian for keeping the Treasury the year 1772 } 0 " 13 " 4

By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Asaph Sherman for Sweeping the Meeting house } 0 " 6 " 0

March 1773

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By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Nath[l] Sherman[n] and others a Committee to provide for the School for the year 1772 £29 "18 "4

By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Joel Brooks for Repairing High ways with the Same provisos as others of this kind have been accepted this present meeting £0 "10 "6

By a Vote accepted of the Report of the Treasurer which is as follows

Grafton Feb[r]: 22 1773

Then Reckoned with m[r] Joseph Meriam Treasurer and found £361 "12 "1 "2 Was in the Treasury at Last Reckoning since order in since £175 "12 and that there has been order out £197 "15 "4 "1 and there now remains in the Treasury £339 "8 "9 "1

Joseph Batchelor
Nath[l] S. Prentice
Charles Brigham
John Goulding
James Whipple
} Select Men of Grafton

Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer

Put to Vote whether the Town abate the Rates assess'd on Joseph Goodale for one pole Except the High way Rate in the hands of Moses Holbrook Late Constable pass'd in the Affir

Put to Vote whether the Town abate the Rates assess'd on John Batchelor to the High ways in the hands of Ebenr: Wadsworth Late Constable pass'd in the Affir

Put to Vote whether the Town abate the Rate assess'd on Lieu[t] Hezekiah Ward for one poll to the province in the hand of Ep[m] Sherman Jr Late Const pass'd in the Affirm

Put to Vote whether the Town abate the Rates assess'd on John Stow in the hands of Ep[m] Sherman Jr Late Constable pass'd in the Neg

Put to Vote whether the Town abate the Rates assess'd on Sam[l] Hodard in the hands of Ep[m] Sherman Jr Late Constable pass'd in the Affirmative

Put to Vote whether the Town abate the Rate assess'd on James Flegg and Eli Bruce and both pass'd in the Negative

Put to Vote whether the Town accept of a Road Laid out by the Selectmen to Upton Line and pass'd in the Negative

Attest Nath[l] Sherman Jr Mod

(214)

March 1773 Henry Prentice being appointed Sealer of weights and measures by the Select men and Constable and Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of his Duty by Charles Brigham Just Peace

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Worcester ss
of Grafton

To Mr Luke Drury Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

(1) In his majesties name you are hereby Required to warn or notifye the ~~Inhabitants~~ freeholders and Ostcable Inhabitant of D. Grafton Qualified according to Law to vote in Town affairs to Assemble and meet at the meeting house in D. Grafton on Tuesday the Twenty Seventh Day of this Instant April at one of the Clock in the afternoon on said Day to Act on the following articles (Viz)

1 To chose a Moderator for said meeting

2 To chuse a Committee to give Bond in Behalf of the Town of Grafton to the Trustees for Grafton Indians so as the Proprietors of said Town of Grafton be Discharged from their Bonds that are given to the General Court Commtee for maintaining Preaching and Schooling to the Indian natives of said Town of Grafton so that the Town of Grafton may come into posesion of the School Lott and meeting house with the four acres of Land by said meeting house and Burying Place in said Grafton agreable to said Town and said Proprietors agreement Dated January 23d 1738/9 and for the Town by a vote to Indemnify said Committee if they See cause

3 To Accept Town Debts

Here of fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Doings herein to us or Some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting Dated at Grafton April 12th 1773

Joseph Batchelor
Abra Brown
Asaph Sherman
Benja Garfield
} Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss Aprils 27th 1773

In Obedience to the warrant to me Directed I have notifyed all the freeholders and Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time and place according to the within warrant by posting up a Copy of said Warrant at the meeting house Per Luke Drury Constable

The Town of Grafton being according to their warning mett at time and place Sett forth in said warrant Proceeded and by a vote Chose John Sherman Moderator

Then proceeded to accept of Town Debt

By a vote accepted of an account Brought in by Timothy Darling as Surveyor of high way with the proviso that the Persons named in his account that have work'd over what they are Severally Tax'd in a Bill in the hands of the Collector Late Constable Do not Receive money but that they Lye for the next Season to answer their High way Rate and those that have not work'd Enough Ly to be work'd out the next Season

The Amount of said Accompt £ 6 : 15 : 8

By a vote Accepted of an Accompt brought in by Timothy Darling for Seteing the Line Between Shrewsbury and Grafton Last year the Sum of £ 0 : 4 : 0

By a vote Accepted and Accompt Brought in by Joseph Wallcutt and others former Selectmen toward the support of Mary Vickery the Sum of 0 : 8 : 0

Put to Vote whether the Town will Chose a Committee to give Bond in Behalf of the Town to the Genl Court Committee as Sett forth in the warrant

Past in the Affirmative

Voted to Choose Three for said Committee

By a vote Chose Luke Drury)
By a vote Chose John Goulding) Comee
By a vote Chose Andrew Adams)

Put to vote Whether this Town Indemnify their Comee in giveng the aforesd Bond in behalf of the Town

Past in the Affirmative

Attest John Sherman Moderator

(216)

The agreement of y^e Original Propriotors of the Town of Grafton and said Town by their Comittee as follows (Viz)

Grafton Jan^y 23^tt 1738/9

We the Subscribers being a Com^ee chosen by the Propriotors of said Town of Grafton & the Town of said Grafton to agree upon such things as may Discharge said Propriotors from their Bond or Obligation to the Gen^l Court Com^ee to Supor maintain Preaching and Schooling without charge to the Indians of said Grafton

We the Propriotors do agree to Relinquish or Quit our Intrest that we have in the meeting house & the School Lott & the four Acres of Land Laid out by said meeting house for a Training field and a Burying place unto the said Town of Grafton as a Seperate Propriety from P^l Town for the use & Benefit of said Town of Grafton

Provided that the P^l Town of Grafton do become Obligd to maintain Preaching & Schooling to the Indian natives of said Town free from any charge agreeable to the Obligation that the Propriotors are under to P^l Gen^l Court Com^ee so as to Discharge said Propriotors from their Bond

John Jones
Joseph Willard
Com^ee of the P^l Propriotors

James Whipple
Nehemiah How
Nath^ll Sherman
John Foster
Benj^a Goddard
Com^ee of P^l Town of Grafton

Grafton Jan^y 23^tt 1738/9 Read & Accepted

James Whipple Mod^r

May 1773 (217)

We the Subscribers Trustees or Gardians to the Hahanamisco Indians here by Certify that the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton by their Com.ee Luke Drury John Goulding & Andrew Adams have given Security to Indemnify the Original Proprietors or Purchasers from their Bonds Originaly given for the purposes within mention,

May 3d 1773

Artemas Ward
Timothy Paine

Worcester ss

To Henry Prentice Constable for Grafton

Greeting

In his majesties name you are hereby Requir to warn & notify the Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualified to Act in the choise of a Representative to meet and Assemble at the meeting house in Grafton on Monday 17th of this Instant may at one of Clock afternoon then & there to Elect one good and Lawfull man of Said Town to Represent them at the great and General Court which is to be holden at Boston upon wednesday the 26th of this Instant may at nine of the Clock in the morning & so to do die in Diem Dureing their Session

And also you are to warn & notify the Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualified to Act in Town affairs to meet at Said meeting house in the S.d Town of Grafton at two of the Clock afternoon of the Same Day to Act on the following Articles Viz.

1 To Chuse a Moderator for Said meeting

2 To abate the Rates assessed on Stephen Prentice in the hands of Moses Holbrook Late Constable

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3 ly To abate the Rates assessed on Hezekiah ~~Ward~~ Eddy and Part of the high way Rate assessed on Semion Willard in the Hands Ebenezer Wadsworth Late Constta.

4 ly To abate the Rates assessed on the Real Estate to Hezekiah Ward in the hands of Ephraim Sherman Late Constable

5 ly To See if the Town will have their meetings warn the Ensuing year by posting a Coppy of the warrant

6 ly To See if the Town will Repair their meeting house and in what manner and form or to Act thereon as they See Cause

7 ly To See if the Town will Look into and Consider of their Allowance of a number of Surveyors Bills Last Annual Meeting and in April Last and to come into some other Method & form if they See Cause Relative thereto and Act thereon as they Shall then think most fitt & proper

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant & of your Doings thereon to Some one of us before the hour of Meeting. Dated at Grafton aforesd this 6th of may 1773 & in the Thirteenth year of the King &c

Joseph Batchelor
Abr. Brown
Luke Drury
Asaph Sherman
Benja. Garfield
} Select men of Grafton

According to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualified to vote in Each meeting to meet at time & place by posting a Coppy of this warrant

Grafton may 17th 1773 } Henry Prentice Const

According to the warning the Town of Grafton met at time and place

Putt to vote whether the Town will Chuse a man to represent them at the General Court as Sett forth in the warrant

pass in the Negative

Then by a Vote chose John Sherman for their moderator

Putt to vote whether the Town abate the Rates assessed on Stephen Prentice in the hands of Moses Holbrook which is 12/2

pass in the Affirmative

Putt to Vote whether the Town abate the Rates assessed on Hez: Eddy in the hands of Ebenezer Wadsworth Late Con.

pass in the affirmative

Putt to Vote whether the Town abate a part of the Rates assessed on Semion Willard to the high way in the hand of Ebenezer Wadsworth Late Constable

pass in the Negative

Putt to Vote whether the Town abate the Rates assessed on Hezekiah Ward on the Real Estate in the hand of Ephr. Sherman

pass in the Negative

Putt to Vote whether the Town will have their meetings warn the Ensuing year by potting a Coppy of the warrants

pass in the Negative

Putt to Vote whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Examine the meeting house to see if it is worth a Repairing or Enlarging & to treat with the Owners of the pews to see what they will subscribe towards Repairing or Enlarging said house & to make Report to the Town

pass in the Affirmative

Voted to Chuse Five for said Committee

By a Vote chose John Goulding
By a Vote chose Andrew Adams
By a Vote chose Mark Bathelor
By a Vote chose Abm. Temple
By a Vote chose David Forbush

} for said Committee

By a Vote ajorn this meeting to monday 7th June next at one of the Clock afternoon

Attest John Sherman moderator

June 1773 (220)

The Town of Grafton According to Ajornment
Met the 7th of June one of the Clock afternoon

Putt to Vote Whether the Town will take of the
Proviso in the Acceptance of the Surveyors bills in
Last Annual Meeting & in April Last And Accept
of Sd Surveyors bills in the Legal form meaning
without any proviso

Pass in the Affirmative

Abraham Temple Enter his Dissent against the Last Vote

Then Ajorn this meeting to Tuesday 22th this Instant
June 4 o Clock after noon after Some other Debates
Relative to the meeting house Attest John Sherman Moderator

June 22th 1773 According to ajornment the Town met

Put to vote Whether the Town will Repair their
meeting house

Pass in the affirmative

Then after many ways Proposed in what manner
they would Repair Said meeting house and Divers
Votes put finally voted to Reconsider the vote
for Repairing

By a vote Reconsider the vote that Pass the former
Part of this meeting Respecting the Acceptance
of Surveyors Bills, Then Dessolu Said meeting

Attest John Sherman Moderator

June 1773 (221)

Worcester ss

To Henry Prentice Constable for the Town of Grafton

Greeting

In his majesties name you are hereby Required to warn all the Inhabitants in the South Part of Grafton Qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in Said Town on Tuesday 22d June Instant at one o, Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following Articles

First To chuse a moderator for said meeting

2ly For the Town to Discharge the Revd Aaron Hutchinson from his pastoral office in Grafton and for Said Discharge to take place from the time of his Leaving his office in Said Town and to act thereon as they Shall think Proper Respecting Said Discharge

3ly To See if the Town will grant money to Supply the Pulpitt

4ly For the Town to Accept Town Debts

5ly To See if the Town will abate the Rate Layd on Robert Fleyg in the hands of Ebenr Wadsworth Late Constable or any Part there of as they Shall think Proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to Some one of us before the hour of meeting

Dated at Grafton June 7th 1773

Joseph Batchelor } Selectmen
Abm Brown } of
Benja Garfield } Grafton

June 1773

(222)

Worcester ff

Grafton June 22d 1773

In Obedience to the within Warrant I have warn'd the South Part of Grafton by Riding and Walking to their houses

Henry Prentice Const

The Same Warrant Verbatum was Grant by the Same Selectmen of Grafton on the Same Day unto Luke Drury Constable for to warn the North Part of Grafton to meet at Said Time and place

His Return follows

Worcester ff June 22d 1773

In Obedience to this warrant I have warn'd & notified the Inhabitants in the North Part of Grafton Qualified to Act in Town affair to meet at time & place according to the warrant

P Luke Drury Const

Grafton June 22d 1773

The Town of Grafton according to their warning met at the meeting house in Said Town & proceeded By a Vote chose John Sherman Moderator

By a Vote past the Second Article in the warrant by without acting any further upon it

Putt to Vote whether the Town will Raise money to Supply the Pulpitt past in the affirmative

By a Vote granted Sixty Pound to Supply the pulpitt

Abraham Temple Enter his Dissent against the Last vote

June 1773 (223)

Then Proceeded to Accept of Town Debts

By a Vote Accepted of a Bill Brought in by Andrew Adams as a Comee Man in the affair of Settling with the Trustees Relative to taking the Bond on the Town that the Proprietors of Said Town were under to the Said Trustees or General Court Comee Sum of £ 0 .. 4 .. 0 –

By a Vote Accepted of a Bill Brought in by James Leland for the purpose above mentd } 0 .. 3 .. 0 –

By a Vote Accept of a Bill Brought in by Nathl Prentice for the above purpose } 0 .. 3 .. 0 –

By a Vote Accepted of a Bill Brought in by Luke Drury for the above purpose } 0 .. 6 .. 0 –

By a Vote Accept of a Bill Brought in by John Goulding for the above purpose } 0 .. 5 .. 0 –

Putt to Vote whether they would abate the Rates or Any Part thereof Assd on Robert Flegg as in the warrant

Past in the negative

Then Dissolvd

Attest John Sherman moderat

Sept. 1773

(224)

Worcester ss

To Mr Luke Drury Constable
for the Town of Grafton Greeting

In his majesties name you are hereby
required to Notify and warn all the Notable Inhabitants
on the north side of said Town to assemble at the
meeting house in Grafton on monday the Eleventh Day
of October next at one of Clock in the afternoon then &
there to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1 To Choose a moderator for said meeting
2 For to Grant money to Defray Town charges
3 To See if the Town will abate the Rate assessed on
David Temple, Samr. Whitney, Ezekiel Johnson,
Benja. Blackman & John Drury And Abraham
Temples Salery Rate all in the hands of Natht.
Whitney Late Constable
4 To See if the Town will abate the Rate assessed on
Timothy Fletcher in the hands of Natht. Sherman
Late Constable
5 For the Town to here the Petition of Jona. Child &
others & act thereon as they See Cause
6 To See if the Town will Chuse a Comenitee to Consult
a Plan or measure in order for a Selectmen with the
Aaron Hutchinson & make Report to the Town or act
thereon as they think Proper
7 To Accept Town Debts

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with
your Doings thereon to us or Some one of us at or before
the Hour of meeting

Joseph Batchelor } Select
Abr. Brown } Men for
Asaph Sherman } Grafton

Grafton Sept. 27 1773

Worcesterss. Oct. 11 1773

In Obedience to this warrant I have Notified the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & Place according to the within warrant

Ebenr Drury Constable

The same Day a warrant was Directed to Henry Prentice a Constable for Grafton verbatum to warn the South Part of Said Town

Return

Grafton Oct 11 1773

Worcesterss

In Obedience to the within warrant I have Notified & warn, the South Part of the Town to meet at the time & Place as within mention

Henry Prentice Constable

Grafton 11th Oct. 1773

The Town of Grafton according to the above warning met at time & Place

By a Vote made Choice of Abr. Temple for their Moderator

By a Vote Granted Sixty Pounds to Defray Town Charges the Ensueing year

By a Vote granted Sixty Pounds to Repair High ways in Said Town the Ensueing year

Put to Vote whether the Town will abate the Rates assessed on David Temple in the hands of Nathl. Whitney late Constable

Pass in the Negative

Oct 1773 (226)

Put to Vote whether the Town will abate the Rates
assess on Samd. Whitney in the hands of Nath. Whitney
Late Constable Pass in the Negative
Put to Vote whether the Town will abate the Rates
assess on Ezekiel Johnson in the hands of Nath. Whitney
Late Constable Pass in the Negative
Put to Vote whether the Town will abate the Rates
assess on Benj.a Blackman in the hands of Nath. Whitney
Late Constable Pass in the Affirmative
Put to Vote whether the Town will abte the Rates
assess on John Druce in the hands of Nath. Whitney
Late Constable Pass in the Affe
Put to Vote whether the Town will abate the Rates
assess on Abm. Temple toward the minister Support
Pass in the Negative
Put to Vote whether the Town will abate the Rates
assess on Timothy Fletcher in the hands of Nath. Sherman
Late Constable Pass in the Affirmative
Then Read a Petition of Jonathan Child & others
Respecting assessing the Baptist in this Town by
applying to some Reputable Attorney at Law
to advise thereon
Put to Vote whether the Town Proceed according
to said Petition Pass in the Affirmative
By a Vote chose Hezekiah Taylor } Comee
By a Vote chose John Sherman }
Voted to add one more to said Committee
By a Vote chose Joseph Rice for that purpose

Put to Vote whether they chose a Committee agreeable to the Sixth article in the warrant
past in the affirmative

Voted to chuse three for said Committee
By a Vote Chose Lake Drury
By a Vote chose John Goulding
By a Vote chose Joseph Batchelor } Com.

By a Vote ajorn this meeting to Novr 15th next at one of Clock afternoon

Attst Abraham Temple Modr

Tuesday 15th Novr 1773 the Town of Grafton according to ajornment met at the meeting house in s Town
Proceeded to accept Town Debts
By a Vote accepted of a bill brought in by Samll Warrin and others a Committee to provide Preaching in said Town Containing the Sum of — — — £38 . 8 . 0 Lawfull

Then heard the Report of Hezekiah Taylor & others a Comtee appointed to apply to some attorney Relating to the chesing the Anabaptis in this Town which was Done by Reading a paper Sent by mr James Putnam Containing his advice thereon
Then Put to Vote whether the Town Proceed any further Relating to the chesing the Annabaptis
Pass in the Negative

Then heard the Report of Lake Drury & others a Comtee appointed to Consult some method for a Setlement with mr Aaron Hutchinson Late Pastor which was offered Verbally (Viz) that they had Conferr with themselves Relatting that matter and think it advisable for the Town to offer mr Hutchinson full pay for the time that he Preached amongst us with the Interest thereon and Demand a Discharge
accepted
which was unanimously by the Town then Defolo, said meeting

Attst Abraham Temple Mod

Nov[r] 1773

(228)

Worcester ss

To Henry Prentice Cons: &c for the Town of Grafton Greeting

In his Majesties name you are hereby Required to warn and Notify all the Notable Inhabitants on the South Part of the Town to assemble at the meeting house in S. Grafton on Tuesday the 30th Day of this Instant November at one o'clock in the afternoon then & there to act on the following Artides (Viz)

1 To Chuse a moderator for Said meeting

2 To Chuse a Committee to Setel with Mr Aaron Hutchinson Respecting what is Due of his Sallery and for the Town to give said Com[tee] Instruction in what manner to Setel or act thereon as they Shall think most Proper

3 To see if the Town will abate the Rates Assessed on Nath[l] Rawson for one Pole in the hands of Nath[l] Sherman Late Constable or act thereon as they Shall think Proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon to us or Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting Dated at Grafton the 24th of November 1773

Joseph Batchelor
Ab[m] Brown
Asaph Sherman
Benj[a] Garfield

Selectmen for Grafton

Nov.r 1773

(229)

Worcester ss

Grafton 29th Nov.r 1773

In Obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warn, the South part of the town, to meet at time & place as within mentioned

Henry Prentice Cons.

The same warrant in word was Jned by the same Select men to Luke Drury a Constable to warn the North part of the town to meet at the same time & place

His Return

Worcester Nov.r 30th 1773

In Obedience to this warrant I have warn'd and Notified all the Notable Inhabitants in the Northerly part of Grafton to meet at time & place according to the warrant

pr Luke Drury Cons.e for Grafton

Grafton Nov.r 30th 1773

According to the warning the Inhabitants of Grafton met at the meeting house in Said Town

By a Vote Chose Abraham Temple for their Moderator

Put to Vote whether the Town will Chuse a Commitee to Selet with m.r Aaron Hutchinson

past in the Affirmative

Voted to chuse Three for Said Commitee

By a Vote Chose Ephraim Sherman
By a Vote Chose Joseph Batchelor
By a Vote Chose Simon Brock. } Com.e

Novr 1773

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Put to Vote whether the Town will Chuse a Committee to Draw the Instruction for Settlment with mr Hutchinson agreeable to the warrant

pass'd in the Affirmative

By a Vote chose Nathl Rawson }
By a Vote chose John Goulding } Comte
By a Vote chose John Prentice }

Instruction where accordingly Drawn up and offer. in P. meeting Sign. John Goulding } Comte
Nathl Rawson }

Put to Vote whether the Town will accept of P. Instruction as Drawn & offer,

pass'd in the Negative

Put to Vote whether the Town will abate the Prater aspd on Nathl Rawson for one poll agreeable to the warrant

pass'd in the Affirmative

Attest Abraham Temple Mod.r

Janr 3d 1774 (231)

Worcester ss

To Mr Luke Drury Constable of the Town of Grafton Greeting

In his majesties name you are hereby Required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the north part of said Town that are Qualified to vote in Town affairs to Assemble at the meeting house in Grafton on monday the third Day of Janr: next at one o Clock in the afternoon then & there to act on the following Artiles Viz:

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 For the Town to hear a Letter of Corrispondence from the Town of Boston and act thereon as they shall think most proper
3 For the Town to hear the petition of Benjamin Rockwood and Others and act thereon as they think proper
4 To See if the Town will Grant money to Supply the Pulpitt and act thereon as they think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to us or Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Dated at Grafton December 17th 1773

Joseph Batchelor } Select
Abr Brown } men for
Asaph Sherman } Grafton

Return

Worcester ss Janr: 3d 1774

In Obedience to this warrant I have taken Care to notify & warn all the Votable Inhabitants in the northerly part of the Town of Grafton according to the within warrant

Pr Luke Drury } Constable for Grafton

Janr 3d 1774

A Warrant was also Issued out by the Select men of Grafton on Decem: 17th 1773 to Henry Prentice a Constable of said Town to warn & Notify the Southerly part of the Town to meet at time and place as that Directed to Luke Drury Constable

His Return

Worcester ss

Grafton Janr: 3d 1774

In Obedience to the warrant I have warn'd and Caused to be warn'd, the Inhabitants as within mentioned

pr Henry Prentice Const.

The Town of Grafton according to their warning met at time & place and proceeded
By a Vote made Choise of Joseph Batchelor Modr
Then Read a Letter from Boston
Put to vote whether the Town proceed by Chusing a Comte for that purpose & make a Report to the Town
pass in y affirmative
By a Vote agreed to chuse five for said Committee
By a Vote chose Epm Sherman
By a Vote chose Eber. Taylor
By a Vote chose Nath.l Prentice
By a Vote chose Nath.l Rawson
By a Vote chose Nathl Sherman
Comtee
Put to Vote whether the Town proceed to chuse a Committee to Setet with Mr Aaron Hutchinson agreeable to a petition of Benja Rockwood & others Then Read and Refer. to in y warrant pass in the affirmative for said meeting

Put to Vote whether the Town will chuse five men for said Committee pass in the Affirmative

By a Vote chose Joseph Minott
By a Vote chose John Goulding
By a Vote chose Nath: Dawson
By a Vote chose Luke Drury
By a Vote chose Simon Brooks

Com: for that purpos

Then Instruction were Drawn up as followeth Viz
That the Committee offer Mr Hutchinson pay for what time he Serv, the Town as a minister at the same proportion as was yearly given him with Interest for the same it being five months in the whole, And Enjoin him to give a proper Receipt therefor when Received also give him a full Discharge if he require it from any further Demands on the Original Contract also take from him a full Discharge from any further Demands in Consequence of said Contract and make Report to the Town as Soon as may be

The above Instructions were Read

Put to Vote whether the Town give the Committee Chosen to Setel with Mr Hutchinson the Instruction now offer. as a Rule for their Setelment with him

pass in y^e affirmative

~~By a Vote it was Voted~~ Put to Vote whether the Town will Raise money to Supply the pulpit

pass in y^e affirmative

By a Vote Granted Thirty pounds for that purpose
By a Vote ajorn this meeting to this Day Three Weeks one o Clock afternoon

Attest Joseph Batchelor Town

24th

Jan.y 1774

(234)

The Town of Grafton according to ajornment met at the meeting house in said Town and proceeded

Read the Report of the Committee chosen to Look into a Letter sent from Boston which is as follow'd (viz)

The Town of Grafton taking in to Consideration the unhappy circumstances that this Country are involved in at this crisis attempts Repeatedly being made Infringeing upon our Rights & privelidges which we Consider as Justly alarming to all the true friends of our happy Constitution which hath been so Dearly purchased and which we Esteem to be our most Inwaluable Inherent Rights as English men (which we have ever Gloried in) more particularly at the most Glaring Instance of that of the East India Company being allowd to send Tea to America while Subject to a Duty payable in America which we view as Subversive of our Rights as Christians, as Subjects, and as Loyal Subjects of our most gracious King George whose Name & person we ever Desire to View as Sacred

Therefore Resolv'd as the sense of this Town that any one Individual or any Body of men that shall Incourage, aid, or assist in Importing or Receiveing any such Tea, or any other article while Subject to a Duty the Sole purpose whereof is to raise money to appropriate to any Sordid measure or any use whatever Contrary to our Just Right of Distributeing our own property wherewith God & Nature hath made us free can but be view'd as Inimical to our Country as well as to the mother State and must be Esteem'd so by us

Resolved that this Town are in Duty bound to Join with and assist our sister Town's & Colonies in this one Common Cause so as that we may be Instrumental under God of handing down that Liberty to our posterity which hath been so Long Kept Inviolate and preserv'd by our worthy Ancestors

Resolvd that the Substance of the proceedings of the Town of Boston and other Towns in their respective Town meetings (Relative to said affair) which have been publish and come to our knowledge are in our apprehension, Consistant with truth and our happy Constitution and can but wish prosperity may attend all Laudable Stands so that our Glorious Constitution may yet be handed down to posterity Inviolate But to adopt any measures where private advantage or Sinister Ends are apparently at the Bottom & who make this the ever so Glorious a foundation, a foundation for their Avarice and aggrandizement we Cannot but must Detest & abhor

Test Nath[l] Rawson Cl[k] Order

Put to vote whether the above Draft was acceptable to the Town pass'd in the affirmative

Put to vote whether the Town Clerk be order, to forward an attested Copy of these proceedings to the Committee of Correspondence for Boston in order to be publish pass'd in the Affirmative

Then was Read the Report of the Committee Chosen to Setet with mr Aaron Hutchinson which is as follows Viz

To the Stable Inhabitants of Grafton now Assembled at the meeting house in said Town Gentelmen we being a Committee Chosen by the Town of Grafton to make a final Setelment with mr Aaron Hutchinson our Late pastor we have according to our Direction met three times in order to treat with mr Hutchinson and mr Hutchinson seems to Refuse to treat with us as a Com[te] according to our Instruction & gave us no promise of an answer in any shape and the Last time we met at mr Hutchinson house we tender him down on the nail £27..4..0 Lm. in full of what the Town of Grafton owes him as their Late pastor & Demanded a Discharge in full which he Refuse to take on the terms of Giving a full Discharge

Grafton 24 to Janr: 1774

Joseph Merriam
Nath[l] Rawson
John Goulding
Luke Drury
Com[te]

Which Report was Read an accepted by a vote

attest Joseph Batchelor Jnr Town Clerk

Worcester ss

To Henry Prentice of Grafton one of the Constables of said Town Greeting

(S)

You are hereby Required in his majesties name forthwith to warn Jonathan Wood, Thomas Wilson and Lydia his wife Samuel Wilson Son of the S. Thomas & Hannah his Daughter and Calvin Hewins To Depart immediately out of the Town of Grafton and no Longer to make it their place of Residence as they would avoid the Rigour of the Law in that Case made & provided, also you are Directed to warn Jonathan Child that he no Longer harbour or Entertain the said Jonathan Wood, Joseph Whipple that he no Longer harbour or Entertain Calvin Hewins & the Widow Martha Fletcher that She no Longer harbour or Entertain Thomas Wilson with his Wife Lydia, & Sam.l & Hannah their Children

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon as soon as may be Given under our hand & Seals this 14th Febuary 1774 and in the fourteenth year of the King & at Grafton aforesd

Joseph Batchelor
Ab.m Brown
Luke Drury
Asaph Sherman
Benj.a Garfield

Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton 17th Feb.y 1774

agreeable to the within warrant Commited to me I have warn'd the Severall Persons therein mentioned to Conform themselves agreeable thereto

Henry Prentice Constable

(237)

Worcester ss To Luke Drury Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

That whereas Samll Elliot & Mehitable his wife and their Son Joseph Blanchard which Person came from the Town of Sutton the 2d of August past & now Residing in said Grafton at the house of Nathl Sartell Prentice in said Grafton and also Elijah Bruce and mary his wife & four children (Viz) Elijah Prentice Unis & Nathl which Lately came from the Town of Southboro now Residing at the house of Joseph Arnold in said Town which persons were Lately brought into said Town of Grafton by Nathaniel S. Prentice from the Town of Southboro & Framingham

These are therefore in his Majesties name to Require you forthwith to warn the above named Samll Elliot & Mehitable his wife & Joseph Blanchard and Elijah Bruce & mary his wife with their four children to Depart out of the Town of Grafton and no Longer make it the place of their abode under the pain & penalty of the Law in that Case made & provided also you are to ward the Selectmen Nathl S. Prentice not to Entertain the above said persons in said Town of Grafton

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to us the Subscriber as soon as may be Dated at Grafton December 17th 1773 and in the fourteenth year of his majesties Reign

Joseph Batchelor
Abr Brown
Asaph Sherman
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss In Obedience to this warrant I have warned the Severall person therein Contained to Conform themselves agreeable thereto as mention in said warrant

Luke Drury Const

NB what is asserted in the above said warrant that Elijah Bruce with his wife mary & their four children Viz Eunice Elijah Prentice & Nathl was brought into the Town of Grafton by Nathl Sartell Prentice is not So & these may certify that he knows not thereof

Nathl Sartell Prentice

March 1774

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Worcester ss

To Luke Drury Constable for Grafton

Greeting

In his majesties name you are hereby Required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants on the north part of Grafton who are Qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the meeting house in Said Town on monday the Seventh Day of March next at Eight o Clock A.M. then & there to Act on the following Articles Viz/

1 To Chuse a moderator for Said meeting

2 To Chuse Town Offiers for the Currant year

3 To see how the Town will order the School the Currant year and Act thereon as they See Cause

4 To see how the Town will mend & Repair the Roads and Highways the Currant year and what they will allow p Day for man & Team and Act theron as they think proper

5 To Accept of a List of Jury men as the Law Directs

6 To here the Report of the present Treasurer

7 To See if the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large the present year

8 To Accept of Town Debts

9 To see if the Town will Abate the Rates Assessed on John Stow Except the high way Rate in the Hands of Ephraim Sherman 2d Late Constable

10 To See if the Town will Repair to Town Stock of Arms & Ammunition & Act thereon as they think proper

11 To See if the Town will Build a powder house or Act thereon as they think proper

12 To hear the Request of Ebenr Cutler & Moses Cutler Relative to their high way Rate & Act thereon as they think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to us or Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Dated Grafton 7th Feb: 1774

Jo Batchelor
Abm Brown
Asaph Sherman
Benja Garfield
} Select men of Grafton

March 1774 (239)

Worcester ss March 7th 1774

In Obedience to the warrant I have taken Care to notify & warn all the northerly part of Grafton to meet at time & place according to the within warrant

Test Luke Drury Constable

Feb: 7th 1774 The Same warrant in form was Commited to Henry Prentice a Constable for Grafton to warn the Southerly part of Said Grafton to meet at the aforesaid time & place

His Return

Worcester ss Grafton March 4 1774

Agreeable to the within written I have warn, the Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place herein Specified

Henry Prentice Con

March 7th 1774

In Persuance of the foregoing Warning the Inhabitants of Grafton met at time & place and proceeded

By a Vote made choice of John Sherman Moderator for Said Meeting

turn Over

March 1774

By a Vote chose Abner Stow Esqr. Sworn
By a Vote chose Philomon Stacy } Wardens
By a Vote proposed to have five Select men the Ensuing yea
By a Vote chose Joseph Batchelor
By a Vote chose Simon Brooks } Selec
By a Vote chose John Sherman } men of
By a Vote chose John Goulding } Graston
By a Vote chose Nathl. Sherman
By a Vote chose Nathl. Sartell Prentice Town Clerk
By a Vote chose Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer
Voted to have Three Assessors
By a Vote chose John Prentice
By a Vote chose Joseph Meriam Jr. } Assessors
By a Vote chose Benj.a Goddard
By a Vote chose Wm. Brigham } Constables
By a Vote chose Saml. Flagg

Then ajournd for one hour and a half

John Sherman Mod

Two o Clock afternoon met and proceeded
Voted to chuse the Remainder of the Town offiers
By hand votes voted to chuse seven Surveyors
By a Vote chose Wm. Holbrook Sworn
By a Vote chose Perley Batchelor Sworn
By a Vote chose Epm. Lyon Sworn
By a Vote chose Charles Brigham Esqr. } Surveyors
By a Vote chose Benj.a Rockwood Sworn } of
By a Vote chose Saml. Whipple Sworn } High Ways
By a Vote chose Elijah Drury Sworn

March 1774 (24)

Voted to chuse Six Hog Reaves
By a Vote chose Manoah Drury sworn
By a Vote chose John Goulding
By a Vote chose Thomas Astley
By a Vote chose Moses Herrington
By a Vote chose Paul Whitlock
By a Vote chose Shelomith Stow sworn
} Hog Reaves

Voted Two Tything men
By a Vote chose Jonathan Stow
By a Vote chose Joseph Warren sworn
} Tything men

Voted Two Deer Reaves
By a Vote chose Noah Brooks
By a Vote chose Benj.a Rockwood sworn
} Deer Reaves

Voted Three Fence Veiwers
By a Vote chose Joseph Perry Jr. sworn
By a Vote chose Ab.m Brown sworn
By a Vote chose Henry Prentiss
} Fence Veiwers

Voted Two Field Drivers
By a Vote chose Isaiah Fairbanks sworn
By a Vote chose John Thurston sworn
} Field Drivers

Voted Two Fire Ward
By a Vote chose Manoah Drury sworn
By a Vote chose Ebenr. Cutler
} Fire Wards

By a Vote chose Epr.m Lyon Sealer of Leather sworn
By a Vote chose Nath.l Batchelor Sealer of hoops &c.

Voted to Leave the affair of the School to a Committee
Voted to chuse five for said Committee

March 1774 (242)

By a Vote chose John Goulding
By a Vote chose John Thurston
By a Vote chose Simon Brooks
By a Vote chose Nath.ll Sherman
By a Vote chose Sim.o Sherman
} Com.t

Voted to mend the high ways the Ensuing year by a Rate

By a Vote chose Wm Holbrook, Perley Batcheldor, Esq.r Lyon, Charles Brigham Esq.r, Benj.a Rockwood, Sam.l Whipple & Elijah Drury, to be Collectors of the high way Rates the Ensuing year

Voted to allow Two Shillings a Day for man one Shilling for oxen Eight pence for Cart untill the Last Day of September next

Put to Vote whether the Swine Run at Large the Ensuing year past in the affirmative

Then Adjourn'd to Monday 14th Instant one o Clock afternoon at the Meeting House in said Grafton

John Sherman Mod.r

Then Returned with the Grafton 28th Dec.r 1773 the Treasurer of Grafton & Constables Warrant of 1936 Q.rs 8.s 8.d Joseph Batcheldor Collector Luke Drury a rate Sherman Benj.a Rockwood Collectors of Grafton Joseph Merriam Town Treasurer Thes Rates & allowed

Monday 14th March met at the meeting house in Grafton proceed
To adjust of Town Debts

March 1774

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By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Daniel Grout for providing a School £	3 " 10 " 0
By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by John Prentice for Schooling by order of the School Committee	1 " 14 " 0
By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Asaph Sherman for providing a School	6 " 10 " 0
By a Vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by Elisha Brigham for providing Schooling	5 " 14 " 0
By a Vote accepted of a Bill brought in by Silas Warren for providing a School	5 " 14 " 0
By a Vote accepted of a bill Brought in by Eps[n] Sherman for providing a school	6 " 4 " 8
By a Vote accepted of a bill brought in by Thomas R. Willard for keeping a school by order of the School Committee	2 " 1 " 1
By a Vote accepted of a bill brought in by Joseph Meriam for keeping the Swamp	13 " 4
By a Vote accepted of a bill Brought in by James Fletcher as ordered by Court of Sessions at Last September Term for a high way	10 " —
By a Vote accepted of a bill brought in by Joseph Batchelor & others former Select men for providing for many Widows	4 " 6 " 8
By a Vote accepted of a bill brought in by Joseph Batchelor & others former Select Men for providing for many Widows & Hannah Phillips	2 " 16 " 10
By a Vote accepted of a bill brought in by Joseph Meriam & other a committee to provide for the Supply of the Pulpitt which is in full for the time past	28 " 16 " 0

Wm Brigham

Ord. Andrews adams, Gabriel Grout for Schooling Sherman & Smarthy Sherman by the Selectmen of Grafton 7th March 1774

John Sherman & Boy Benj. Goddard

March 1774 (244)

By a Vote accepted of a bill brought in by Samᵘˡ Warrin & other, a Committee for boarding the Preacher with their horses to this time } 13 " 16 " 0

By a Vote accepted of a bill brought in by Hezekiah Taylor for Journey to Worcester & Expenses with an attorney } 0 " 10 —

By a Vote accepted of a bill brought in by John Sherman for Journey to Worcester & Expenses with an attorney } 0 " 10 —

By a Vote accepted of a bill brought in by Henry Prentice for Sweeping the Meeting House and Repairing that } 0 " 10 " 4
& ȳ: pour

By a Vote accepted of a bill brought in by Joel Brooks a Surveyor of high ways in 1773 done by Samᵘˡ Warrin 2 } 0 " 5 " 6
& also Three Shillings to go toward high way work in future for Sᵘ Warrins } 3 —

By a vote accepted of a bill brought in by Ebenᵉᶻ Wadsworth Late Surveyor of high ways payable now } 9 " 17 " 4
as also accepted of another account payable out of the next high way Rate } 13 " 7 " ƿ

By a Vote accepted of a bill brought in by Dr Timothy Darling for Doctering Mabler & Dorcas Families the year last } 0 " 10 " 8

~~Nanday~~ Put to vote whether the Surveyor be Desired to Bring in there accounts first Equal to their Rates to be Accepted first if any overplus there be to be paid in future Pass in the Affirmative

Put to vote whether the Town abate the Rates Assᵈ on John Stow Except the high way Rate in the hands of Epᵉᵐ Sherman Late Constable Pass in the Affirmative

March 1774 (245)

Voted to Leave the affair of providing arms & Ammunition
to Select men
Put to vote whether the Town will Build a powder house
Pass'd in the Negative
Put to vote whether the Town grant the Request of Ebenr
Cutler &c & more Cutler Respecting their high way work
Pass'd in the Negative

Then Dissolved the Meeting
Attest John Sherman Moderator

April 1774

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Worcesters To Wm Brigham Constable of Grafton Greeting

In his majesties name you are Required to warn the Inhabitants of Grafton duly Qualified to Act in Town affairs to meet & Assemble at the meeting house in Grafton on monday 4th April next at one o Clock afternoon to Act on the following Artickle Viz

1 To chuse a moderator for said meeting
2 To see if the Town will Concurr with the church in this Town in making Choice of Mr Daniel Grosvenor for the work of the Ministry in this Town or Act thereon as they think proper
3 To see what the Town will do with Mr Daniel Grosvenor for his Encouragement as a Settlement among them or Act thereon as they think proper
4 To see what the Town will offer Mr Daniel Grosvenor as a Sallery annually During his Continuance & Officiateing Regularly in the Office of a minister in this Town or Act thereon as they think proper
5 To accept of Town Debts
6 To see if the Town will abate the Rates Assest on Samll Smith in the hands of Moses Stolbrook Late Constable
7 To Abate the Rates assest on one poll to Ephraim Sherman in the hand of Henry Bentley Late Constable
8 To Abate the Rates assest on Abijah Stolbrook in the hands of Nathll Sherman Late Constable

hereof fail not and Make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting Dated at Grafton the 16th March 1774 & in the 14th year of the reign

Joseph Batchelor
John Sherman
Simon Brooks
John Goulding
Nathll Sherman
Select Men of Grafton

Worcesters March 25th 1774
By Virtue of this warrant I have warn all the Votable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time & place as within mentioned

Wm Brigham Const

Monday April 4th 1774 one o'Clock afternoon the Town of Grafton met at the meeting house in Said Town & proceeded

By a vote made choice of John Sherman Moderator

Put to vote whether the Town Concurr with the Church in Grafton in making Choice of mr Daniel Grosvener for their minister agreeable to the Second article in the warrant Pass'd in the affirmative

47 for it & 23 against it

Voted to Offer mr Daniel Grosvener for his Encorrage ment for a Setelment amongst them £133-6-8 and to pay it him within one year from his Ordination

Voted to Offer mr Daniel Grosvener £66-13-4 as a Sallery Annually During his Continuance and officiating Regularly in the Office of a minister in this Town

Voted to chuse a Committee Consisting of three men to Join the Church in Grafton & present these Offers to mr Daniel Grosvener for his Concurrance

By a vote Chose John Goulding
By a vote chose Hez: Taylor
By a vote chose Ebenr: Cutler
Com:ee for that purpose

Then Proceeded to Accept of Town Debts agreeable to the warrant

By a vote Accepted of a Bill brought in by Jem:o Sherman Surveyor of high ways for 1773 £ 9-8-5-3

By a vote Accepted of a Bill brought in by Laure Warrin Surveyor of high ways for 1773 11-9-5-3

By a vote Accepted of bill brought in by Samel Flegg Surveyor of high ways for 1773 12-8-10-1

By a vote Accepted of a bill brought in by Joseph Warrin Surveyor of high ways for 1773 10-12-2-3

By a vote Accepted of a bill brought in by Laure Warrin for blowing a Rock out of the Road 0-8-0

By a vote Accepted of a bill brought in by Abraham Semple for work done at the high ways in 1771 Which was Ommited 0-6-

By a vote accept of a bill brought in by Ebenr: Wadsworth for high way work Done in y year 1773 9-17-4

Accept of an act of work brought in by Ebenr: Wadsworth to be allow'd in some other Rate Except that of 1773 13-7-1/2

mr Daniel Grosvener Settlement & Sallery for y Ensuing year Shall not be Sworn in Town Meeting as Law Directs Their Debts against the Proceedings of y Town in this meeting Appointing Officers for their Rule of Disorderly Conduct

mr Daniel Grosvener & Sallery for y Ensuing year Shall not be Sworn in Town What is Grom of their Ob minister Ep: Sherman Natt Heaton as apt Sherman Lake Drury and manoah Drury Enter their Debt against the proceedings of y Town in this meeting Appointing Officers for mr Grosvener being not of a Compact with the Congregational Church for their Rule of Disorderly Conduct

April 1774 (248)

By a Vote Accepted of a bill brought in by Joseph Warrin for high way work to be allow'd in some other high way Rate Except y^e Last £1..13..7—

By a Vote Accepted of a bill brought in by Laure Warrin for high way work to be allow'd in some other high way Rate Except y^e Last 1..10..7..2

By a Vote Accepted of a bill brought in by Sam^d Flegg to be allow'd in some other high way Rate Except y^e Last — —— 0..9..5 Sim^o.

By a Vote Accepted of a bill brought in by Sherman to be allow'd in some other high way Rate Except y^e Last — —— 0..16..1

By a Vote Accepted of a bill brought in by Henry Prentice for Cash paid for Recording Two Warrant^s in the County Clerk Office 0..2—

By a Vote Accepted of a bill brought in by John Prentice for making Rate in 1773 0..14..0

By a Vote Accepted of a bill brought in by Joseph Meriam J^r for making Rate in 1773 0..8..0

By a Vote Accepted of a bill brought in by Joseph Whipple for boarding Hannah Phillips 0..8..0

Joan Defolw

John Sherman Wod—

May 2^d 1774 there was a Negative Answer Sent to the Town from m^r Daniel Grosvenor with Several Reason given

May 18th 1774

(249)

Worcester ss

To Mr Saml Flagg Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting.

In his majesties name you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton who are Qualified to Vote for a Representative to Assemble at the meeting house in Grafton on wednesday the Eighteenth day of this Instant may at three o'Clock afternoon then & there to chuse one Good and Lawfull man of said Town to serve for and represent them in a great & General Court or Assemble Appointed to be Convened held and kept for his majesties Service at the Town house in Boston upon wednesday the 25th day of may Instant to attend his majesties Service on the Day above pers'd at nine in the morning and so De Die in Diem Dureing their Session or Sessions

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hand, and Seal at Grafton the 11th of may 1774 in the 14th year of his majesties Reign &c

Joseph Batchelor } Selectmen
John Sherman
Simon Brooks
John Goulding
Nathl Sherman } of Grafton

In Obedience to the within written warrant I have Notified & warned all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to appear at y: place & Time appointed

Saml Flagg Const:

Grafton may 18th 1774

The Town of Grafton met at time & place above appointed and by a Vote made choise of John Sherman to Represent them at the General Court the Ensuing year

Nathl Prentice Town Clerk

May 30th 1774

Worcester ss

To mr Samd Flagg Constable for Grafton Greeting

In his majesties name you are hereby Requird to Notify and warn all the freeholders & other Votable Inhabitants Qualified according to Law to Act in Town affairs to meet and Assemble at the meeting house in Said Grafton on Monday the 30th day of May Currant at one o Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles (Viz)

1 To chuse a moderator for Said meeting

2 To See if the Town will Concurr the Churchs Vote in Renewing their Call to mr Daniel Grosvenor to be their pastor

3 To See what the Town will grant to mr Daniel Grosvenor for a Settlment and Act thereon as they think proper

4 To See what the Town will give mr Daniel Grosvenor Annually for his Support During his Continuing Regularly in the Office of a Pastor among them or Act thereon as they Shall think proper

5 To if the Town will chuse a Committee to present their Call to mr Daniel Grosvenor

6 To See if the Town will Abate the Rates &c of mr Stephen Prentice all but the high way Rate provided he Clear off all the Brush in the Burying Place this year in the hand of Nathl Sherman Jr Late Constable

7 To See if the Town will Abate the Rates &c on Charles Brigham Esq for one poll or any Part thereof in the hand of Ephraim Sherman 2d Late Constable

8 To Accept Town Debts

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant & of your Doings herein to us at or before the hour of meeting Given under our hand & Seal at Grafton 11th May 1774 and in the 14 year of his majesties Reign

Joseph Batchelor
John Sherman
Simon Brooks
John Goulding
Natt Sherman

Selectmen of Grafton

In obedience to this warrant I have notified & warned all the Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time & place

Grafton 18 may 1774

Samd Flagg Const

May 30th 1774 (251)

The Town of Grafton met at the meeting house
one o Clock afternoon proceeded
By a Vote chose John Sherman moderator
Then was Read the following Vote of the proceedings
of the church in S. Grafton Viz

May 10th 1774
At a meeting of the Chh of Christ in Grafton at the
meeting house in said Town the Chh past the following
Vote Unanimously Viz
We do now adhere to the Cambridge Platform
Compiled by the three Synods in 1648 in 1662 &
in 1679 & take it as a good Plan of Chh Rule and
Dissappline

Attest Joseph Sumner Moderator

Also at the abovesaid meeting of the Chh
in Grafton voted that they will Renew their Call
to Mr Daniel Grosvenor to be their pastor
Then by a vote Elected Mr Daniel Grosvenor to
be their pastor by a very great majority
Voted to Chuse a Committee to make Application
to the Selectmen of Grafton and Request them
to Assemble the Inhabitants of said Town in Convenient
time to know if they will Concurr the Choise
which the Chh have made of a Pastor accordingly
made choise of Capt Noah Brooks Mr Abraham
Brown, & Dea: Joseph Batchelor for said Comittee

A true Copy of from Grafton Chh Record

Attest Joseph Sumner Mode

May 30th 1774

Put to Vote Whether the Town Concurr the Chh's Vote in Renewing their Call to mr Daniel Grosvenor to be their Pastor

pass in the affirmative by a great majority 6 in the negative only

Voted to offer mr Daniel Grosvenor £133 6 8 for his Embarcement as a Settlment Amongst them and to pay said money within one year after his Ordination in said Town

By a Vote agree, to offer mr Daniel Grosvenor £66 13 4 Annually as a Sallery During his Continuing Regularly in the Office of a Minister Amongst them

Voted to chuse a Committee of 3 men to present the above said Call & proposals of Termˢ of Selelment to mr Grosvenor

By a Vote chose (Capt Noah Brooks)
By a Vote chose John Goulding
By a Vote chose Andrew Adams
(Committee)

Put to Vote Whether they abate the Rates Assessed on Stephen Prentice Except the high way Rate, in the hands of Nathl Sherman Late Constable with the proviso that he Cutt down all the Brush on the burying hill that before has been Cutt

pass in the affirmative

Put to Vote Whether they abate the Rates Assessed on Charles Bingham Esqr for one poll in the hands of Ephraim Sherman Late Constable

pass in the affirmative

By a Vote allowed of an acct brought in by Joseph Whipple for boarding Hannah Phillips 12 weeks £1 4 0 0 to John Sherman Town

Worcester ss July 4th 1774

To Mr William Brigham Constable for the Town of Grafton

In his Majesties name you are hereby Required to notify and warn all the freeholders & other Votable Inhabitants in the Town of Grafton to meet and Assemble at the meeting house in Grafton on Monday the 4 July next at three o Clock in the afternoon to Act on the following Articles Viz

1 To chuse a moderator for Said meeting

2 To See if the Town will Receive the Sum of Eleven Pound in money of Mr John Sherman it being a fine the Town of Grafton paid for not Sending a Representative to the great & General Court in the year 1773 which Money Mr Sherman has by Petition Recovered back

3 To See if the Town will Order the money into the Treasury And order Dea Joseph Merriam Town Treasurer upon his Receiving the money to give Mr Sherman a Receipt for Said money

4 To See if the Town will chuse a Committee to Prosecute & Persue Mr Ebenezer Phillips for charges in Supporting his Daughter in Said Grafton or Act thereon as they Shall think Proper

5 To hear Letters of Correspondence & Covenants and Act thereon as they Shall think Proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant and of your Doings herein to us at or before the hour of meeting. Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton June 27th 1774 in the fourteenth year of the Reign

Joseph Batchelor
John Sherman
Simon Brooks
John Goulding
Nath Sherman
Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss June 29th 1774

In Obedience to this warrant I have Notified & warned all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet According to time & Place as within mention by posting a Copy of the warrant at both meeting houses in Grafton

Per Wm Brigham Const

July 4th 1774 (254)

The Town of Grafton mett according to warning 3 Clock afternoon proceeded

By a Vote chose John Sherman moderator

Put to vote whether the Town accept of the Sum of £11— of mr John Sherman their Representative that he Obtained by Petition to Great & General Court for not Sending a Representative the Last year

Pas in y affirmative

The money was accordingly paid by mr Sherman to Joseph Merriam Town Treasurer

Voted that the Treasurer give a Receipt for said money to mr Sherman which was accordingly done in Open meeting.

Voted to Leave the matter of Prosecuting mr Ebenezer Phillip for charges of Supporting his Daughter with the Present Select men

After Reading the Letter & Covenant Sent by the Committee of Corrispondence of Boston

Put to vote whether they be So Satisfied with the Contents of said Letter & Covenant with Some Amendment as to pas in to a vote for their Concurrance

Pas in y affirmative

Attest John Sherman moderator

After Recieving an affirmative answer from mr Daniel Grosvenor to Setel in the work of the Ministry in this Town, on wensday the Nineteenth Day of October 1774 he was Ordain, to the work of the ministry Over this People without any Objection

We the Subscribers being chosen a Committee by the Society of the People call'd Antipedobaptis, who meet together for Religious Worship on the Lord's day in Grafton to exhibit a List or Lists of the Names of Such Persons as belong to said Society or Congregation, do certify that James Leland, Ebenezer Wheelor, Joseph Rice, Phinehas Pratt, Benj.a Leland, Sam.l Flagg, Joseph Whipple, Tim.o Darling, Benj.a Laythe, Jabez Laythe, Levi Leland, Sam.l Whipple, Ephraim Lyon, Phinehas Pratt Jun.r, Benj.a Garfield, Ebenezer Leland, Joseph Goddale, Solomon Goddale, Daniel Hayden, Sam.l Adams, Jacob Whipple, Ebenezer Wadsworth Jun.r, Thomas Axtell, John Maynard, Stephen Eager, Ezra Laythe, Sam.l Wardin Jun.r Jonathan Wheelor, Oliver Winsor, Abner Temple, Isaac Herington of Shrewsbury, Samuel Powers of Northbridge

Do belong to said Society or Congregation & that they do frequently and usually when able attend with us in our meeting for Religious Worship on the Lords day; and we do verily believe are with Respect to the Ordinance of Baptism of the Same Religious Sentiments with us

Joseph Rice
Ebenr. Wheelor
James Leland
} Committee of the Baptist Society in Grafton

Grafton Aug.t 15.th 1774

Rec.d Aug.t 31.st 1774 and Recorded

Per Nath.l Prentice Town Clerk

Augt 22d 1774 (256)

Worcester ss To mr Samd Flagg Constable for the Greeting

Town of Grafton

Required

You are hereby, in his majesties name to notify & warn all the freeholders & other votable Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Qualified according to Law to vote in Town affairs to meet & Assemble at the meeting house in Grafton on Monday 22d of this Instant August at one o Clock afternoon to Act on the following Articles (Viz)

1 To Chuse a Moderator for Said meeting

2 To See if the Town will agree upon a Day to Ordain Mr Daniel Grosvenor or Act thereon as they Shall think proper

3 To See if the Town will Chuse a Committee to provide for the Council & Such other Gentlemen as they think proper

4 To hear the Petition of Philomon Stacy & others and act thereon as they Shall think proper

5 To abate the Rates of Benj: Grover in the hands of Ebenr Wadsworth Late Constable

6 To See if the Town will abate the Rates of Samll Smith in the hand of Ebenr Wadsworth Late Constable

7 To See if the Town will abate the Rates of Robt Flagg in the hands of Luke Drury & Ebenr Wadsworth Late Constable

8 To See if the Town will have the Ordination Carried on in the meeting house or Act thereon as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant & of your Doings therein to us at or before the hour of Meeting Given under Our hands & Seal this 8th August 1774 and in the 14th year of his majesties Reign

Jos Batchelor Select

Return Worcester ss Grafton augt 8th 1774 In Obediance to this warrant I have warned & notified all the Inhabitants of Grafton to attend at the place & time appointed

John Sherman
Simon Brooks
John Goulding
Nathl Sherman
Men of Grafton

Samll Flagg Constable

Augst 22d 1774 (257)

Before the Town proceeded to Act on the preceeding warrant the Church in Grafton met at the meeting house in said Grafton and proceeded to Act as followeth Viz

1 Voted to propose to the Inhabitants of the Town at their meeting this afternoon That the Ordination of Mr Daniel Grosvenor Should be on the Third Wednesday in October next Viz on the 19th of said month

2 Voted to call in the Assistance of some Sister Churches to Carry on the work of said Day

3 To Send to Eight Churches for this purpose Viz To the First Church of Christ in Pomfret the first Church in Situate the first Church in Sutton the first Church in Shrewsbury the Second Church in Mendon and the 6th in Upton

4 Voted that Dea: Joseph Batchelor Andrew Adams & Noah Brooks be a Committee to Communicate these Votes of the Church to the Town at their meeting this afternoon

Attest Pr Joseph Sumner Mod

Then the Town of Grafton being met pursuant to their warning proceeded to Act as followeth Viz

By a Vote chose John Sherman Moderator

Put Vote whether the Town agree upon wednesday 19th Oct: 1774 to Ordain Mr Daniel Grosvenor Pass in y Affirm

Put to Vote Whether Town will chuse a Committee to provide for the Council & Such other Gentlemen as they Shall think proper Pass in y Affirm

Voted to have Five men for Said Committee

By a Vote chose Andrew Adams
By a vote chose Moses Herington
By a Vote chose Silas Warren
By a Vote chose Luke Drury
By a Vote Chose Aaron Kimball

} Com

Put to Vote whether the Town would have the Ordination Carried on in the meeting house Pass in y Neg

Voted to chuse a Committee of five men to provide a Convenient place to Carry on the Ordination

By a Vote

Augst 22d 1774

By a Vote. Chose Henry Prentice
By a Vote Chose Aaron Himbal
By a Vote Chose David Forbush
By a Vote Chose James Whipple
By a Vote Chose Daniel Grout
} Com.e

Then Read the Petition of Philomon Stacy & others
By a Vote Dismiss Tim.o Darling from being a Com.e
than of Correspondence for this Town with other Town.s
By a Vote Chose Luke Drury for a Committee man
in the Room & Stead of Tim.o Darling Dismiss.d
Voted to make an Addition of Two men to Said Committee
By a Vote Chose David Forbush
By a Vote Chose Philomon Stacy
} Com.e of Corr.dpon.ce
Voted to abate the Rate of Sam.l Smith in the
hand of Eben.r Wadsworth Late Constable
Put to Vote whether they abate the Rate of Robt Flagg
in the hand of Luke Drury & Eben.r Wadsworth
Pass.d in y.e Neg.a

Minuts taken of this meeting
by Capt John Golding in the
Town Clerk absence

Attest John Sherman Mod.r

Recorded Decem.r 28th 1774

P.o Nath.l Prentice Clerk

Sept 28th 1774 (259)

Worcester ss to William Brigham Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

you are hereby Required in his Majesty's Name forthwith to warn and Notify all the freeholders and other Votable Inhabitance of the Town of Grafton to meet and assemble at the meeting house in Grafton on Wensday the 28th Day of this Instant September at two of the Clock in the afternoone to act on the following Articals (viz)

1 to chuse a moderator for said Meeting

2 To See if the Town will chuse one good and lawfull man to Set in a general Provential Convention To be holden at Concord on the Second Tuesday of October Next agreabl to a Resolve of the Committee of Corraspondance for the county of Worcester

3 To See if the Town will Provide one or more Good field Peace agreable to a Resolve of the Committee of Corraspondance or Transact any other matter that Shall be laid Before them agreable to Several Resolves of the Committee of Corraspondance

Hereof fail not and Make Returne of this Warrent and of your doing thereon to us att or before the hour of meeting Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 22d of Sept 1774 September in the fourteenth year of his Majestys Reign

Joseph Batchellor
John Sherman
Simon Brooks
John Goulding
John Sherman Jr
} Select Men of Grafton

Worcester ss Sept 27th 1774

In obediance to the within Letter Warrent I have warned all the freeholders Vath and Votable Inhabalance of Grafton to meet at the Time and Place as Required

William Brigham Constle

Sept 28th 1774 (260)

Then the Town of Graston being met pursua
To there Warning proceeded to act as followeth C
By a Vote Chose Nath[l] Sherman Jr moderator
for said meting
By a Vote chose John Goulding to Represent the
In a Provential Convention to be holden at
Concord the 2nd Tuesday of october Next
Voted to Procure one good Feild Peace Called a Six pou
By a Vote chose Nath[l] Sherman Jr to Procure a feild pe
by a Vote chose Nath[l] Sherman Jr to Procure a Suffic
Supply of Bullets and Shot to Lode said feild Peac
By a Vote chose Thomas Davidson to Command
said feild Peace

Put to Vote to see if the Town will chuse a Com
-mitte as Commissaries to Provide for the Solders
of Graston in Case they are Called to Battle
Pas in the affirm

By a Vote agreed to Chuse three
By a voth Chose Ezekiel Boigham
By a Vote Chose Joseph Merriam
By a Vote chose James Leland
} Committ for that Purpos

Mest Nath[l] Sherman Jr Mo

The Minuits of this meeting
Taken by Capt John Goulding
in the Absence of the Town Clerk

Recorded Decem[r]: 28th 1774 By order of
Nath[l] Prentice Town Clerk

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Nov: 14th 1774 (261)

Seal Worcester ss To Saml Flagg Constable for Grafton Greeting

In his majesties name you are hereby Required to warn & notify the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified according to Law to vote in Town affairs to meet and Assemble at the meeting house in Said Town on monday 14th November next at one o Clock afternoon to Act on the following Artitles viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for Said meeting
2 To grant money to Defray Town charges or Act thereon as they Shall think proper
3 To grant money to pay for mending high way the year Ensueing or Act thereon as they think proper
4 To grant the Rev. mr Daniel Grosvenor his Setelment according to Contract
5 To grant mr Daniel Grosvenor Sallery for the year Ensuing
6 To See if the Town will order money out of the Treasury to pay for Powder for a Town Stock procured by the Selectmen
7 To See if the Town will Order out of the Treasury to Enf Nath Sherman to Procure & pay for one field peace or Act thereon as they Shall think Proper
8 To Accept of Town Debts
9 To See if the Town will allow John Goulding Luke Drury & other money Expended as going as Soldiers to Framingham
10 To grant money to pay Charges for Supplying the pulpit & boarding Ministers

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to us at or before the Hour of meeting Given under our hand this 31st Oct: 1774 & 15th year of his Majesties Reign

Jos: Batchelor
John Sherman
Simon Brook
John Goulding
Nath Sherman
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Nov: 12th 1774.

In Obedience to this warrant I have given notice to the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton to appear At the place & time appointed Saml Flagg Const

Nov. 14th 1774 (262)

The Town being met agreable to the Preceding Warning Proceed as followeth (Viz)

By a Vote chose John Sherman Moderator for said meting

By a Vote granted £75. 0. 0 to Defray Town Charges the Present year

By a Vote granted Sixty pound to Repair Highways in Grafton the insuing year

Voted to Grant £133. 6. 8 to pay Mr. Grosvenor his Settlement according to Contract

Voted to Grant £66. 13. 4 to pay the Rev. Mr. Danl Grosvenor his Sallery the Insuing year.

Put to Vote Whether the Town Would order Money out of the Treasury to pay for the Town Stock of Ammunition as Procured by the Select Men

Pass in the affermative

Put to Vote Whether the Town Would order money out of the Treasury to Nath. Sherman To Procure a field Peace

Pass. in the Negative

Put to Vote to See if the Town would allow money To John goulding Luke Drury and others for Expences for going as Solders to Framingham

Pass. in the Negative

attest John Sherman Mr

Minuts taken of this meeting by Daniel Willard in the Absence of the Town Clk

Examin'd & Recorded by order of Nath. Prentice Town Clerk

Decem'r 28th 1774 it Being a very Stormy Day

Decem: 27 1774 (263)

Worcester ss To Wm Brigham Const for Grafton Greeting

In his majesties name you are hereby Required to warn & Notify the Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualified to Vote in Town affair to meet and Assemble at the meeting house in said Town on Monday 27 of this Instant December at noon to act on the following artikles Viz

To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

To here the Petition of John Prentice & others, assessors for Grafton Respecting Indemnifying themselves not Assessing the Last Province Grant and making there Returns to Harrison Grey Esqr as Sett forth in the Petition and act thereon as they Shall think fitt

To See what method the Town will come into Respecting Indemnifying the Late Constable or Constables that may have any former Collections of monies in there hands Returnable to Harrison Grey Esqr and act thereon as they think Proper by ordering said monies Payable to to said Harrison Grey Esq or any other Person and Indemnifying them in so doing

To See what order they will give the Town Treasurer in Case they Shall order the Late Constable or Constables to pay there Collection of Province monies into his Office

To See if the Town will make choise of a man or men to Represent them in a Provincial Congress agreeable to the advise of the Late Congress or act thereon as they Shall think Proper

To See if the Town will Raise a certain Sum of mony in order to Defray Publick Province charges with Order to the assessors to assess the same and Return their Doings to the Town Treasurer or act thereon as they See Cause

To See what Instructions they will give the Town Treasurer Respecting said mony or act thereon as they think Proper

re of fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings reon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting, Given under r hand & Seal at Grafton this 13th December 1774 in the 15 year of this

Joseph Batchelor
John Sherman
John Goulding
Nath[l] Sherman
Selectmen of Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton 24th Decem: 1774

In obedience to the within Warrant I have Endeavoured to warn & Notify all the Notable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at the time & Place within mentioned

Wm Brigham Const

Decem^{r} 27th 1774 (264)

The Town of Grafton being mett agreeable to the preceeding warning proceeded
By a Vote chose John Sherman Moderator for S^{d} meeting
Voted to chuse Three men to make a Draught of a Vote agreeable to the Second Article in the warrant
By a Vote Chose John Goulding
By a Vote chose Luke Drury
By a Vote chose John Prentice
Comm^{d}

There Report was Read which is as followeth
The Town of Grafton to Joseph Miriam Jr. Benj^{a} Goddard and John Prentice Assessors Greeting in Pursuance to the advice and Resolves of the Late Provincial Congress founded on the Extremety of the times we do hereby will and Require you as you Regard our favour and would approve yourselves Friends to your Country absolutely to Refuse & Forbear making any manner of Assessment on this Town Pursuant to Order you have Received from Harrison Grey Esq^{r} to have been Returnable the 1st of Decem^{r} Currant and we will Indemnify to you all Damages you may be Exposed unto by thus Neglecting
Grafton Decem^{r} 27th 1774 John Goulding } Order

Which Report was adopted and Accepted by a Vote of the Town
Put to Vote whether the Town will Indemnify Henry Prentice a Late Constable for Grafton having Province monies in his hand in not paying the Same to Harrison Grey Esq^{r} but that he forthwith pay the Same to Joseph Prentice Town Treasurer for Grafton or to his Successor in Office & take his Receipt therefor which shall be his Discharge as an Individuel for his Collection of Province monies on the Assessment Committed to him the last year
Pass in the affirmt

Decem^{r} 27th 1774 (265)

By a Vote ordered the Town Treasurer forthwith to pay the money
that Henry Prentice Late Constable Shall Return to his Office Belonging
to the Province unto Henry Gardiner Esq^{r} & take his Receipt
therefor agreeable to the Advice of Provincial Congress
By a Vote Chos^{d} John Sherman to Represent them in Provincial
Congress agreeable to the Sixth Article in the warrant for this meeting
By a Vote Granted £29 " 10 " 5 to Defray Publick Province Charges
with order to the assessors to make Return of there assessing said
Sum unto the Town Treasurer
By a Vote order the Town Treasurer to pay said money to Henry
Gardiner Esq^{r} Immediately after his Receipt of the same
Attest John Sherman Mod^{r}

Worcester ss. To M^{r} Sam^{ll} Flagg Constable for Grafton
Greeting In his Majestys Name you are Requir-
ed to Notify & warn all y^{e} Voters & inhabitants of Grafton
duly Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to meet & assemble
at y^{e} Meeting house in Grafton on Monday y^{e} Eighth
day of March next at 8 o Clock in y^{e} Morn. to Act on
y^{e} following Articles Viz

1 To Chuse a Moderator for s^{d} Meeting
2 To Chuse Town Officers for y^{e} Ensuing year
3 To Accept Town debts
4 To See how y^{e} Town will Order y^{e} School the Ensuing year
5 To See how y^{e} Town will repair the High ways in s^{d} Grafton
the Currant year & what they will Allow a man & team & Day
6 To hear & Accept the Report of the present Town
Treasurer if they See Cause
7 To See if the Town will let the Swine Run at Large y^{e} present year
8 To See if the Town will abate the Rates Assess^{d} on Sam^{ll} Smith
in the Hands of Moses Holbrook Late Const^{le}

March 6th 1775 (266)

9 To See if the Town will abate the Rates Assess: on Benj.a Grover in y.e Hands of Eben. Wadsworth late Const.le

10 To Accept of a Road laid out Thro. Capt. L. Drurys Land & Jon.a Wheeler chiefly Beginning at the Gate Opposite to Capt Drurys house then running Southerly to a Corner of y.e Wall, then to a White Oak stake still to a pine Tree mark, & the to a heap of stones, then to a pine tree to y.e Town Road said Road laid out on y.e West side of s.d bounds Two Rods wide & where it is now Trod

11 To See if the Town will propose & act upon some meth.d to Encourage our own Manufactories in particular that of making paper

12 To See if the Town will by a vote accept of & adhere to the Advise of y.e late Continental Congress & act thereon as they see Cause

13 To Abate the Rates Assess.d on Stephen Prentice for One poll & Real Estate in the Hands of Henry Prentice late Const.le he performing y.e Busines of Clearing the burying hill as Usual

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant and of your doings thereon to us or some one of us at or before the hour of Meeting

Given under our Hands & seal at Grafton aforesd y.e 13th of Feb. 1775 & 15th year of King George &c

Jos. Batchellor
John Shearman
Simon Brooks
John Goulding

Select Men

Mar. 6. 1775 (267)

Worc.ss.

Return

In Obedience to this Warrant I have warned & given notice to y.e Volable inhabitant of Grafton to appear at y.e place & time Appoint.d

Mar. 6. 1775 Sam.l Flagg Const.e

The Town of Grafton being met agreeable to y.e preceding Warrant proceeded

1 by a Vote Chose Nath.l Sherman Jun.r Moderator

2 by a Vote Chose John Prentice Town Clerk

by a Vote Chose Jos. Batchelor
Simon Brooks
& Eber. Taylor } Selet Men

by a vote adjourn.d the Meeting for one hour to this place

on the adjournment being met proceeded ~~by a Vote~~

by a Vote Chose Nath.l Sherman Jun.r
& John Prentice } Select Men

by a Vote Chose D.r Jos. Meriam Town Treasurer.

by a Vote Chose Jon.a Stow & Tim.o Sherman Const.es

Then by a vote adjourned for one hour

on the adjournment met & adjourn.d till to morrow 8o. Clock A.M.

On y.e Adjournment met & proceeded

by a vote at the reguest of Tim.o Sherman dismist him from his Constableship

by a vote Chose Dan.l Grout Const.le

Vote to Chuse y.e Residue of y.e Town Officer by y.e Manual Sign

voted to Chose 7 Surveyors of highways

Chose Jos. Rice
Wm. Brigham
Jon.a Stafford
Nath.l Batchellor
Jos. Willard
Benj.a Goddard
& Tim.o Johnson } Surveyor of Highways

Voted to Chuse 5 hogreaves

Chose Jon.a Hall
David Wadsworth
Andros Waters
David Stow
& Simon White } Hog reaves

Voted to Chuse 3 Fything men
Chose Benj.a Garfield
Jos. Willard
& Abner Stow Jur
Fything Men
by a Vote Chose Capt. N. Brooks Deerwave

voted to Chuse 3 fenceviewers
Chose Henry Prentice
Perley Balchellor
& Jos. Warren
Fence Viewers
voted to Chuse 2 field drivers
Chose Joel Turner & Nathan Moss
Field Drivs

voted to Chuse 2 fire wards
Chose David Stow & Jon.a Wheeler Fire wards
voted to Chuse a sealer of Leather Chose Jos. Whipple
voted to Chuse a sealer of Hoops Chose Jos. Goodale
voted to Chuse 5 skool Committee men

By vote Chose
Aaron Kimball
Elisha Brigham
Jon.a Stow
Moses Harrington
& Eber.r Sadler
School Com.tee

voted that Each squadro shall draw their proportion of y.e Money appropriated for schooling & apply it to that use only when & by whom they shall think fit within y.e year

by Vote agreed to give the same price for man & team at high way work as given the last year

put to Vote whither the Town will Order the Selectmen to receive of the Constable the high way rate bills now made for repairing the high ways the present year, & give them a discharge in behalf of the Town for their several Sums Total as also the Town Treasurer And them the s.d bills properly divided among those Surveyors of who shall be chosen to inspect y.e high way reparation this year with warrant to demand recieve & settle with Each person so taxed agreeable to the Vote of the Town setting the price of Service for man & team, and in Case of delinquency to demand and recieve the money of Such delinquent

And settle the sum total of their several proportions of s.d Tax with the Town Treasurer in manner aforsd

past in the Affirmative
Nath.e Sherman Jr. Moderator

by a vote appointed the several surveyors of high ways for the Currant year Collectors of the high way rate

The Town Treasurer presented his report Viz.

Grafton Febr. 27. 1775

Recd. with the Town Treasurer & found in the Treasury Seven Hundred & five pounds Ten Shillings Two pence & three farthings

£705. 10. 2. 3

The above Report was Read & accept.d

Nath.l Sherman Jr. Mod.r

Jos Batchellor
John Sherman
Simon Brooks
} Select Men for Grafton

Jos. Meriam Town Treasurer

by a vote allow.d the swine to run at Large this year (2d Con.n
by a vote abated y.e rates assess.d on Sam.l Smith in y.e hand of Mos. Holbrook
by a vote refused to abate y.e rates assess.d on Benj.a Grover in Cons.a Wadsworths hands

by a vote accept.d the road specified in the 10.th article in y.e Warrant on condition of Drurys. giving the Land thro his for that use and pay the sum of Three pounds. toward satisfying the damage to Wheeler by s.d Road

Voted to Recommend it to Each inhabitant of this Town to be carefull to save their rags suitable for y.e paper manufactory that they Endeavor to their utmost to Supply Heri. Prentice & Sim.l Fletcher Collectors of y.e Same, And in general support our own manufactories by prefering them to foreign ones

Then by vote adjourn the Meeting till 4 o. Clock P.M. to this place

Nath.l Sherman Jr. Mod.r

At the Adjournment met. & proceed to dismiss the 13.th article in (Warrant

Voted to accept of & adhere to the advice of the late Continental Congress.

Voted to Chuse a Com.tee of 3 for inspecting the adherance to the s.d Association agreement.

By Vote Chose Majr. John Goulding, Atr. Temple, Andr. Adams } Sl. Comtee of Inspection

Town debts presented & accepted

by vote allowed Henry Prentice for sweeping meeting house &c. 6/8
by vote allowd. John Prentice for Teaching scholl &c £3 " 0 · 0
also for Service as an Assessor . . . . . 13 · 4
by vote allowd. Andros Waters for boarding y. Minister &c . . £1 " 10
by vote allowd. John Goulding for Service at y. Congress . . . . . 2 " 15
by vote allowd. Jos. Meriam for keeping the Treasury 13/4
by vote allowd. Jos. Meriam Jur. for making rates 8/
also for Boarding y. preacher . . . . . 2 · 6 · 8
by vote allowed Simon Brooks for providing a school . . . . . 6 " 12
by vote allowed John Goulding for providing a School 3
by vote allowd. Benja. Goddard for making rates . . 8/
by vote allowd. Jos Whipple for boarding Hannah Phillips . . . 4
by vote allowed Sirr. Sherman for providing a School . . . . 5 " 14
by vote allowd. Nath. Sherman Jur. for providing a School . . . 6 " 12
by vote allowd. John Thurston for providing a School . . . . . 5 · 2
by vote allowd. Sol. Prentice for boarding the Minister &c 3 15
by vote allowd. the Select men for Cost for Mary Vickery . . . . . 4 2 · 8
by vote allowd. Andrew Adams for providing for Ordination . . . 6 · 13 · 4

by Vote adjourn. this Meeting to Monday 13th. Instant 4 o Clock p m at this Place — on the adjournment met & Dissolved

Nath. Sherman Jur Modr

Worcs^{r} ss. To Mr. Wm Brigham Constle for y^{e} Town of Grafton
S^{t} in his Majesty^{s} name you are hereby Required
to Notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Notable In-
habitants of the Town of Grafton to meet & Assemble
at the Meeting house in S^{d} Grafton on Monday the
6th of March next at 2 o Clock P M to act on the
following Articles Viz —

1 To Choose a Moderator for S^{d} Meeting —
2 To See if the Town will pay the Minute men so Called in said
Grafton for their time in training in Learning the Art
Military According to a Resolve of y^{e} Provincial Congress
or Act thereon as they think proper —
3 to See if the Town will provide Bayonets Cartouch Boxes Straps
and other Accoutrements for y^{e} Minute men or Act thereon
as they shall think proper —

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant &
of your doings thereon to us at or before y^{e} hour of Meeting
Given under our hands ~~& Seal~~ at Grafton y^{e} 21st day of Feb: 1775
& in the 15th year of the Reign Jos Batchellor
John Sherman
John Goulding
} Selectmen for Grafton

Worcs^{r} ss Feb^{r} 22 1775
In Obedience to this Warrant I have notified & warn^{d} all the
freeholders & Notable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet According
to time & place within Mentioned Wm Brigham Constle

The Town being met pursuant to the Above Warrant
proceeded by Vote to Choose Nath^{l} Sherman Jn^{r} Mod^{r}
the by a Vote adjourn^{d} till 4 o Clock P M to this place
Nath^{l} Sherman Mod^{r}
on the adjournment met & Voted not to pay the minute men
on the 2^{d} article
by Vote Refer^{d} the Consideration of the 3^{d} Article to a Com^{tee} to
make report to y^{e} Town Voted to Choose 5

by Vote Chose Majr John Goulding
Abr Temple
Andr Adams
Hez Taylor
& James Whipple
} for 2d Comtee

Then by a Vote Adjourn'd this meeting till to morrow 3 o Clock PM to this place Nathl Sherman Jr Modr

On the adjournment met & adjourn'd till 5 o Clock
Nathl Sherman Jr Modr

On the adjournment reconsider'd the Vote taken for not pay in the Minute men.

Then on the Question being put on the 2d Article whither the Town will pay the Minute men passed in y Affirmative to which Vote Abr Temple Abner Temple Samll Whipple Ebenr Cutler Junr Andr Adams & Isaiah Fairbanks say they dissent

by a Vote voted to Choose a Comtee to Consider & Report on the 2d Article

Then by a Vote Adjourn'd this Meeting to the 13th Instant 10 o Clock AM at this place Nathl Sherman Jr Modr

On the adjournment met & proceeded to Chuse 5 men for 2d Comtee

by Vote Chose Capt. Goulding
Hez Taylor
Jos Pike
John Prentice
& Jos Batchellor
} for 2d Comtee

The former Comtee not reporting nor agreeing the Question was put whither the Town dismiss them from 2d Service past in y Affirmative

by a Vote Refer'd the Consideration of the 3d article to the Last Comtee to Report to the Town

by a Vote Adjourn'd the meeting till ½ after 4.o Clock P M this place

Nath.l Sherman Jn.r Mod.r

On the Adjournment met & heard the Com.tee report
& the Question being put whither the Town accept S.d report
past in the Negative

Then Desolv'd the Meeting Nath.l Sherman Jn.r Moderator

March 27. 1775 Rec.d a Return that Each person Chosen for Town Offices the Currant year in this Town were Sworn to their respective Trust. Viz.t Charles Brigham Jn.r Capt. Jos. Goodale David Wadsworth Capt. Nath.l Brooks & Benj.a Garfield

Worc.r ss. To Mr Dan.l Grout. Constable for Grafton Greeting
In his Majesty.s name you are Required to Warn & notify all the Inhabitants of this Town duly Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs to meet & Assemble at the Towns Meeting house in Grafton on Monday the 24.th Inst. at 2. o Clock P M then & there to Act. on the following Artic.s Viz.t

1 To Choose a moderator for S.d Meeting
2 To Hear, Consider & deliberately to act in Conformity to a Recommendation & Resolve of the Provincial Congress bearing date March 31 Last. directed to the Select men of Grafton Relative to y.e Colony.s money & act thereon as they shall think meet
3 To adopt some method as the Town shall then think meet to make Jon.a Wheeler recompense for the damage he sustains by the road from Capt. Drury.s toward the meeting house laid thro his Land
4 to see if the Town will take or direct to any method respecting the Charge the Town is liable unto on account of Mary Vickery & Child & act thereon as they shall think proper
5 To see if the Town will hear the petition of Dr. Jon.a Darling & others and act thereon as they shall think fit

hereof fail not. & make return of your doings hereon to some of us at or before y^e hour of meeting Given under our hands & seal at Grafton this 17^th of April. 1775

Jos Batchellor
Hez. Taylor
Simon Brooks
Nath^l Sherman Jun^r
} Select men for Grafton

Grafton Apr. 22. 1775
By desire of Mr. D. Grout. Rec^d this Warrant with his Assertion that he had warned or notified y^e Inhabitants of S^d Town to meet at time & place within mentiond Except 2 or 3 which he named which by reason of the Special alarm then Existing he was prevented Opportunity to Compleat - - - - - - - John Prentice Town Clerk

this Return being referred to the Towns. Consideration was by them Excepted on the present Emergency as Valid

Attest John Prentice T. Clerk

Grafton Apr. 24. 1775
pursuant to y^e foregoing warning the Town being met proceeded by Vote

1 Chose Dr. Jos. Batchellor Moderator
2 put to Vote whither the Town will Choose a Com^tee to search after the Money due to the Province from this Town & make report to the Town at the Adjournment who is delinquent whither Collector or persons Elected & if it cannot be forthwith advanced by them owning the Same that they proceed to Hire on the Credit of the Town such Sums as may be wanting to Compleat the Sum Total of S^d Debt. past in the Affirmative

Voted to Choose 3 for S^d Com^tee
Chose Dr Sim^o Darling Hez. Taylor & Lt. Benj^a Laland } Com^tee
by Vote Adjourn to the 9^th of May next 2 o Clock P M to this place
Jos Batchellor mod^r

May 1775

May 8. 1775. The Town being met on the adjournment proceeded
To Hear the Verbal report of Dr. Darling & Mess Cozz. appointed to
Enquire after the Provinc money &c. Viz that Mr Consol Clagg has
payed his due thereof Consol Brigham was Ready Consol Prentice unde-
termined
on the 4th Article Voted to the Refft. the matter of the Victuary with the
Select men Then
Heard the Petition of Jno. Darling & other mentioned in the 5th
Article & the Question was put thereon whither the Town dismiss
Philemon Stacy from serving on the Comte. of Correspond past Negative
A second Question on the Petition whither the Town will add to
the Comtee of Inspection past in the Affirmative
Chose Hez. Taylor. Jos. Price Eph. Lyon & Benj. Goddard therefor

Jos. Batchellor Moderator

Worcess. ss To Mr. Jona. Stow Consle. for Groton Greeting
pursuant to a Resolve of the Congress or Genl Assembly for
Government in this Colony you are hereby willed & required forthwith
to Cause the Votable Inhabitants of this Town duly Qualified to vote for a
Representative, to be notified to meet & Assemble at the Towns Meeting
house in s. Town on Monday the 22d Instant at 3 o. Clock PM. then
& there to act on the following Articles Viz
1 To Choose a Moderator for s. Meeting
2 To Choose a man or men to Represent the Town in Provincial Congs
to be held at Watertown y. 31st Instant agreeable to the Resolve of the
Congress then to be Laid before the Town
3 To have Town Meetings for the Future this year warned by posting the
Notice thereof in ~~other~~ divers publick places in s. Town if they see fit
4 To abate the Rates of Ebez. Wadsworth in the hands of Nath. Sherman late
Late Consle.
5 To see if the Town will supercede the present Comtee. of Correspondence
by a New Choice & act thereon as they see fit
6 To Accept Town Debts
7 To hear the Resolve of Congress respecting supplying the Soldiers
Enlisted for the Provincial Service & acquiesce to s. Motion in the
best Manner they Shall then Think Expedient

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant & your
doings thereon

to Some of us at or before the hour of Meeting Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 15th day of May 1775

Jos. Batchellor
Hez. Taylor
Simon Brooks
Nath[l] Sherman Jr.
John Prentiss
} Select men for Grafton

Worc[s] ss pursuant in obedience to the within warrat I have warn[d] & notified all the Votable Inhabitants of[d] Town to Meet & assemble at time & place therein Specified Jon[a] Stow Const[le]
Grafton May 22. 1775

Grafton May 22. 1775 The Town being met pursuant to Warning proceeded
& Chose Dr. Jos. Batchellor Moderator
Voted to Send to the Congress one Member
Chose Dr. Jos. Batchellor therefor
Voted to Warn the Town Meeting by posting agreeable to y[e] article
Voted to abate the Rates of Ebe[r]. Wadsworth in the hand of Nath[l] Sherman Jr. Late Const[le]
Voted to Supercede the present Com[tee] of Correspondence
Chose Maj[r] Goulding Hez. Taylor & Nath[l] Sherman Jr. Com[tee] of Corr[n].
Accepted an Act Exhibited by John Sherman for Service & Expence at the Congress Sum Total £9. 15. 8.
put to Vote whither the Town recommend it to the inhabitants thereof on the Request of the Select men to Deal out of their familys Blankets to Supply the Soldiers Engaged in y[e] Province Service from this Town who may need agreeable to the Resolve of Congress & on the Terms therein Expressed past affirmative
put to Vote whither the Town Recommend to its inhabitants on the Request of the Select men pursuant to y[e] Resolve of Congress to show they shall apply to deal out arms & Accutrements for such of the inhabitants of this Town who have or may inlist into the Colony Service who may need the Same on the Terms mentioned in the Resolve past in the Affirmative

Jos Batchellor mod[r]

May 1775 277

Copy of Receipt

Rec.d of Jos. Meriam Treas.r of Grafton the Sum of fifty nine pounds 4 9 being part of the Province Tax set on the Town of Grafton by the Gen.l Court in the year 1773 & 1774 For which Sum I have given the S.d Meriam another Receipt of the same Tenor & Date with this By Order of the Provincial Congress &c.r

Henry Gardner

£59 4 9

Worc.s.s To Mr. Dan.a Grout Const.le &c.r pursuant to a Resolve of the Continental Congress these are to will & require you forthwith to Cause the Inhabitants of Grafton duly Quallified to vote for the Choice of Representatives to be notified to meet & Assemble at the Towns meeting house in Grafton on monday the 10th Instant at 4.o Clock P.M. then & there to Chuse (if they see fit) one or more to represent the Town of Grafton in a Great & Gen.l Court to be held at the meeting House in Watertown on Wednesday the 19th of July Instant at 9.o Clock A.M & to Continue from day to day during the Necessity therefor in Session or Sessesion untill the Last of Wednesday of May next

Given under our hand & seal at Grafton this 3.d of July A.D 1775

Jos. Batchellor
Hez.r Taylor
Simon Brooks
Nath.l Sherman Jr.
John Prentice
Selectmen for Grafton

Worc.s.s. Grafton July 10th 1775
In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Grafton Quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting by posting a Copy of the warrant at both meeting houses in S.d Grafton

Dan.a Grout Const.le

Grafton July 10th 1775

The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to the above warrant proceeded by vote

Voted to send one Member to the House

Chose Dea.n Jos. Batchellor to Represent S.d Town

Attest John Prentice Town Clerk

Sept 1775 (278)

Worcs.ss. To the Constables of Grafton or Either of their
Greeting on the oath you have taken These are to
will & require you forthwith to warn & Command
2 Thomas Nichols & Patience his wife & four Children
named Isaac, Anna, Charity & Barbary also Felich
Pendal & Abigail his wife to depart & Leave this Town
& no longer make it their usual place of abode, forbidding
them the Freedom of the Town, on the penalty of the Law
against intruders, Also Caution those with whom you may
find them residing to harbour them no longer at their peril
And make return of this Warrant & your doings thereon to
the Town Clerk as soon as Executed
Given under our hand & Seal at Grafton this Eleventh
day of Sept.r A.D. 1775 Jos. Batchellor } Select
Hez. Taylor } men
Worcs.ss. In obedience to the within Warrant Simon Brooks } of
I have warned y.e within named persons Natt.l Sherman Jun.r } Grafton
to Conform to y.e demands of this warrant
by reading y.e same in y.e hearing of
them, Also forbid those with whom I
found them residing to harbor them
Longer Jon.a Stow Const.le
Grafton Sept.r 15.th 1775

Worcester ss. To the Const.le of Grafton or either of them
Greeting you are hereby required to warn or
notify the Votable Inhabitants of s.d Town to meet
or Assemble at the Town.s Meeting house on Tuesday
the 17.th day of this Instant October at one of the
Clock P.M. then & there to Act on the following
Articles Viz

1 To Choose a moderator for s.d Meeting
2.d ly To Grant the Rev.d D.r Grafton 2.d year Salary
3.d ly To Grant Money to Repair High Ways in s.d Town

4. To Grant. money to provide a School in s. Town
5. To Grant. money to defray other Town debts
6. To satisfy Stephen Prentice for Clearing the Burying Ground
7. To settle with & Satisfy Jonn. Wheeler for the Road laid thro his Land or Act. thereon as they shall then see fit

Hereof fail not. & make return of this Warrant. & your doings thereon to some of us at or before the Hour of Meeting Given under our hands & Seal this 3. day of Octr. 1775. at Grafton

Worcs. ss. In Obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the Votable Inhabitants of s. Town to meet. & assemble at time & place as therein set forth by posting Copys of the Warrant

Jser. Taylor
Simon Brooks
Nathl. Sherman Jr.
John Prentice
} Select Men of Grafton

Jonn. Stow Constable
Grafton Octr. 17. 1775

Grafton Octr. 17. 1775 The Town being met. pursuant to the foregoing warning proceeded

1 Chose Deacn Jos. Batchellor Moderator
2 Granted Mr. Grosvenor Sallary
3 by vote Granted 30£ to Repair High ways
4 by vote Granted 30£ to provide Schooling
5 by vote Granted 45£ to defray Town debts
6 voted to allow Stephen Prentice 9/ for Clearing & Burying Ground
by vote Chose Mr. Abiel Sadler & Elijah Warrin of Upton & Coll. Jesse Sibley of Sutton to Come upon & appraise the damage Jonn. Wheeler Sustains by the Road laid thro his Land — s. Wheeler being present agrees to accept of their determination
Voted to Choose a Comtee to treat with s. Sadler & others in behalf of the Town Chose Jser. Taylor. John Sherman & Nathl. Sherman Junr. for s. Comtee

Jos. Batchellor Moderator

Feb: 1776 (280)

Worcesh. To the Constables of Grafton or either of them
Greeting you are hereby required to Cause the Votable
Inhabitants of S. Town to be duly notified to Assemble & meet
at the Town meeting house in Grafton on Tuesday the 6th
of February next at two of the Clock afternoon Then & there to
Act on the following Articles Viz

1st To Chuse a Moderator for S. Meeting

2d To Consider & determine upon some order to give the Selectmen
Respecting Assessing those persons having Taxable Estate in S. Town
who were last year reputed of the Baptist or Quaker Denomination
to Ministerial Taxes they having Omitted rendering a
Certificate as the Law directs

Worcesh. fail not & make Return of your doings hereon to Some of
us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our Hands & Seal at Grafton this 31st of Jan: 1776

Jos. Batchellor
Isaac Taylor } Select Men
Simon Brooks } of Grafton
John Grantree

Worcesh. In Obedience to the within
Warrant I have warned all the
Votable Inhabitants of S. Town to
meet & assemble at time & place
as is therein set forth by posting
Copys of S. Warrant.

Grafton Feb: 6th 1776 Jona. Stow Constable

Grafton Feb: 6th 1776 The Town being met Consequent
to the above Warning proceeded

1 Chose Dr. Jos. Batchellor Moderator for S. Meeting

2 the Question put whither the Town do now Order the Assessors
to Omit Taxing all those persons to all kind of Ministerial
Taxes to be Apportioned on the Town for the year 1775
who are named & Recorded on the Town Book as being of
the Baptist Denomination the Entry bearing date
August 31st 1774 past in the Affirmative

3d Refused by vote to Exempt those reputed Quakers who
have preferred no Certificate as aforesd.

Jos. Batchellor Mod

Worcester ss To the Constables of Grafton or Either of them Greeting
You are hereby required to Cause the Votible Inhabitants of the
Town to be duly notified to meet & assemble at the Towns meeting-
house in Grafton on Thursday the 25th of this instant March at
Eight of the Clock in the morning then and there to act on the
following articles ——— Viz

1st To Chose a moderator for s.d meeting ———
2nd To Chose Town officers as the Laws Direct
3rd To accept Town Debts
4th To Direct to a mode for Providing a School for the Town the year Ensuing
5th To See if the Town will Suffer the Swine to run at Large Being
yoked & Ringed as the Law Direct for the year Ensuing ——
6th To hear the Report of the Committee appointed Respecting the
Road Laid Through Jonath.n Whedars Land and act Respecting s.d
affair as they Shall then ~~then~~ Think propper ——
7th To Consider & Determine on some mode for Commiting the
highway-Rate Last made unto the Surveyors who may be
Chosen to inspect the Repair of the highways the Ensuing year
also to Determine on a mode to Transfer to those Surveyors Succeed-
ing the Ballance in the hands of the Last Surveyors and act Respect-
ing those Matters as they Shall then think propper
8th To hear and Consider the Report of the Town Treasurer
9th To give their Vote for a County Treasurer
10th To hear a resolution of the General Court then to be Produced
Respecting the Powder Delivered from the Town for the use
of the Colony Stores and act thereon as they Shall See fit
11th To See what the Town will allow a day for man and for Cart
and what for Team for highway work the Ensuing year
12th To Chose a Committee of Correspond agreable to the Courts act
13th To Give in their vote for a County Regester
14th To See if the Town will abate the Rate assest on Daniel
Bruce or any Part thereof as they Shall think fit
15th To give Direations Respecting the Money apportioned for Schooling
Last year not yet applyed to that use

And make Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon
to Some of us at or Before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Eighth Day of March A D 1776

Joseph Batchellor
Hezekiah Taylor
Simon Brooks
Nath Sherman Jr
} Select men of Grafton

Worcester ss — Return

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the votible Inhabitants of s^d Town to meet and assemble at the time and place as is therein Specified By Setting Coppies of said Warrant agreable to the Vote of the Town Grafton March y^e 25 : 1776 — Jonathan Stow } Constable

The Town of Grafton Being met according to above Warrant Proceeded as followeth ^viz

Viz 1 By a vote Chose Nath^l Sherman Jr Moderator

2 By a vote Chose two wardens Viz — Major John Goulding
Joseph Warden
} wardens

By a vote Chose Dea^n Joseph Batchellor
Nath^l Sherman Jun^r
David Forbush
Aaron Kimball
Hezekiah Taylor
} Select men

By a vote Chose Dea^n Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer
By a vote Chose Benj^a Goddard Town Clerk sworn

By a vote Chose Joseph Meriam Jr
Benj^a Goddard sworn
Jonathan Stow
} assessors

Voted to have 2 Constables

Chose Ebenezer Cutler
Phinehas Pratt
} Constables

Then Put to vote to adjo for one hour and pas in the affirmative

Nath^l Sherman Mo

On The adjorment met and Proceeded as followeth — Viz —
Voted to Chose residue of the officers By handvote
Voted to have seven Surveyors Viz Jacob Whipple
John Maynard
Perly Batchellor
Joseph Meriam Jun.
Andras Waters
Capt Aaron Kimbal
Nath.l Sherman Jun.r
} Surveyors of Highways

By a vote Chose 3 Tything men
Chose — Benja Rockwood
Ephraim Lyon
Andras Waters
} Tything men

Voted to have 25 Hog reefs
By a vote Chose Nahum Stone
Ebenezer Leland
Samuel Whipple
Henry Prentice
Seth.a Miller
} Hog reefers

Voted to have three fence viewers —
By a vote Chose Jim.o Sherman
By a vote Chose Philemon Stacy
By a vote Chose Nath.l Sherman
} fence viewers

Voted to have two fire wards
By a vote Chose David Stow
Timothy Johnson
} fire wards

Voted to have one Sealer of leather
By a vote Chose Joseph Whipple Sealer of Leather

Voted to have one Sealer of hoops
By a vote Chose Samuel Warren Sealer of hoops
Voted to have a Committee Chosen for managing the School affair the year Enjoing
Voted to have five men for Sd Committee

By a vote Chose James Whipple
By a vote Chose Samuel Warren
By a vote Chose James Leland
By a vote Chose Daniel Grout
By a vote Chose Moses Hayden
} Committee for the School

March a 22nd of Sd 1776. Mr Daniel Grout late Constable made Return to me that he had warned all the Town Inhabitants to Meet their at the above Chosen Time for the Annual meeting — Benja Goodrich Selectm.

Put to vote to see whether the town will have the Swine Run at Large for the Ensuing year & Passed in the affirmative

Put to vote to see Whether the town will accept of Capt Aaron Kimballs Bill for Providing a School and Passed in the affirmative the year past in the Northerly Squadron — £5-11-9-3

By a vote accepted of Elisha Brigham's Bill brought in for Providing a School the west Side of the town the Last year — £4-17-2-1

By a vote accepted of a bill Brought in by Jonth Stow for Providing a School — 5-13-8

By a vote accepted of a bill Brought in by Moses Harrington for providing a School — £7-2-4-2

By a vote accepted of a bill Brought in by Ebenr Sadler for Providing a School — 6-15-2-1

By a vote accepted of a bill Brought in by John Sherman for Service & Expence on the Committee appointed Respecting the Road Through Jonth Wheelers Land — 0-5-9

By a vote accepted of a bill Brought in by John Prentice for Service as an assessor — 0-18-0

By a vote accepted of a bill Brought in by Deacn Joseph Batchellor for attending at the Congress and for his Expences and for mending a gun belonging to the town — 4-9-6

By a vote accepted of a bill Brought in by Joseph Whipple for Boarding Hannah Philips and for finding her some worsted — 5-8-6

By a vote accepted of John Shermans Bill Brought in by him for Service at the general court in the year 1774 — 6-15-0

By a vote accepted a bill Brought in by Nathl Shermangn for Service and Expence on a committee appointed Respecting a road through Jonth Wheelers Land — 0-5-

By a vote accepted of a bill Brought in by Deacn Joseph Meriam for Keeping the Treasury the year past — 0-13-

March 1776 (285)

By a vote accepted of a bill Brought in by Hezekiah Taylor for attending on a committee appointed respecting a road Through Jon.th Wheelers Land and money Expended on sd Committee & a copy from the Proprietors records and for Service as an assessor £ 0-16-0-2

By a vote accepted of a Bill Brought in by John Goulding & Luke Drury for money Expended on a Company Command then by Capt John Goulding on a larm occationed by General Gages Seizing the Provinc amunition in the year 1774 £2-5-0-0

By a vote accepted of a report made by Abiel Sadler Elijah Warren & Jm.o Sibley a committee Chosen By the town of Grafton to apprise the Road laid Through Jon.th Wheelers land which report was That the Town of Grafton Should pay sd Jon.th Wheeler five pounds for sd Road & Damages he may Sustain there by £5-0-0-0

By a vote accepted of Dea.n Joseph Meriams Report as Town Treasurer which report is in these words Then reckned with Dea.n Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer and find in the Treasury Five Hundred forty six Pounds Eighteen Shillings ten pence & one Farthing of the Towns money Exclusive of the thirty pound Grant for Highway repairs for 1776

Joseph Batchellor
Hezekiah Taylor
Nath.l Sherman jn.r
} Select men for Grafton

Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer

Pol to vote that the Select men take highway Rate Bills now in the hands of the Surveyors of highways for the last year and give them a discharge - and to Commit the Bills with those made for the Present year to the Surveyors of highways Chosen for the present year Each having his Due Proportion for them to Require the Payment of the Remaining part of the former as well as the Latter Bill in Work on the highway according to the Vote of the Town and if any Neglect or Refuse to Labour when Required that Select men Do impower and Direct the Present Surveyors to Collect the money and to account for & Settle the Same in the manner and form as the Surveyors were Directed the Last year and those who have Work.d more than their Part of the Last year highway tax have credit Given them for the present year

Pas.d in the affirmative

March 1776 (286)

Voted for a County Treasurer & Brought in thirteen votes for Capt Benj Lagg of worcester and one for Willm young of worcester

Put to vote to see if the Town will Receive pay in money for the Ammunition sent to the army Past in the affirmative

Voted to give two shillings for a man one shilling for a yoke of oxen and Eight pence for a cart untill the Last of Sept 1776 for highway work

Then agreable to the Resolves of the general Court Dated Feb 18th 1776 Recommending the Chosing a Committee of Correspondance voted to have three

By a vote Chose Nathl Sherman Jur
By a vote Chose Hezekiah Taylor
By a vote Chose Majr John Goulding

} Committee of Correspondence

Then Voted for a County Register and Brought in for Mr Nathl Baldwin of worcester 27 votes

Mr Ebenr Cutler Made his request to be Dismisd from his office as Constable and the Town Dismisd him By a vote

By a vote Chose Timothy Sherman Constable

Then it was motioned that Mr Hinchman Pratt be Dismisied from his office as Constable

Put to vote to Dismiss Jd Pratt and pased in the affirmative

By a vote Chose David Wadsworth Constable

Put to vote Whether those Squadrens who have not yet improved their money for Schooling the Last year Shall yet have the Benefit of it for Schooling this year

Past in the affirmative

Then ajorned the meeting till Fryday 29th Inst at 5 oClock after noon at the meeting house in Jd Town

Nathl Sherman Jr
Modr

March 29th 1776 The Town Being met by ajornment Proceeded to By a vote accepted of Philemon Stacy to serve as Constable in the Room of David Wadsworth

By a vote abated the Rates now assessed on Danl Bruce
then Deceased the meeting Attt Nathanael Sherman Esqr Moderator

Grafton April 15th 1776 We the Subscribers have this Day
Perambulated the Line and renewed the Bounds within mentioned
to the Satisfaction of Both parties

David Forbush } for Grafton
Aaron Kimball }
Solomon Baker } for Westborough
Phinehas Gleason }

Shrewsbury Perumbulation

Begun at a Large White oak Tree Marked the southeasterly Corner of Shrewsbury & northest corner of Grafton thence westerly to a white oak tree marked in the wall thit westerly to a Stake and Stones at the westerly End of sd wall thence Southwesterly to a white oak tree marked thence northwesterly to a heap of Stones Between Land of Capt Witherby & Moses Cutler thence northerly to a heap of Stones at the Corner of Moses Cutlers virginia fence Thence westerly to a heap of Stones Between sd Cutler & Capt Witherby thence westerly to a Stake & Stones Between sd Cutler and Abner Miles Thence to a heap of Stones Northerly of sd Cutlers Dwelling House Thence to a Large heap of Stones the Southwesterly Corner of Abner Miles land Thence northerly to a white oak tree marked with a heap of Stones at the root of sd Tree Thence westerly by the Northerly Side of sd Cutlers Land to a pine Tree in sd Cutlers Land Thence northerly by a Stone wall Between Land of Eph Lyon and the afore sd Cutler turning round sd Cutlers field By Land of sd Lyon Southwesterly to a black oak tree marked Thence by the westerly bounds of sd Cutlers Land to a small White oak tree marked with Stones around it on the Northerly Side of a County Road thence westerly to a heap of Stones the northerly Side of the County road Thence to a Small Dead pine with Stones around the roots on the northerly Side of sd Road thence Southerly to a Stake and Stones the Corner of Joseph Shermans Land and the Northerly part of John Prentices Land thence westerly Between Land of sd Prentice & Solomon Rand & Land of Jno Johnson to a white oak tree marked Thence northerly by sd Rands Land to the Corner of sd Rands wall at the South Side of the County Road near Joseph Arnolds Dwelling House Thence Easterly by the Stone wall on the South Side of sd Road to a heap of Stones Then Crosing sd road to a Stone wall Between Land of Saml Bigelo & Saml Warrin Thence By sd Warrins land till it comes to a maple tree on the Bank of the River

Whereunto we have interchangeably set our hands
this 22d April 1776

Nathl Sherman } Comtte
Aaron Kimball } of Grafton

Edward Flint }
Job Cushing } Select men
Danl Heminway } of Shrewsbury
Isaac Harrington }

Grafton July 17: 1776 Recd of the Select men of Grafton thirty-seven pounds ten shillings money Recd for powder lent to the Colony four pounds Six shillings for powder sold to Jno. Fletcher four pounds four Shillings for Guns for the Colonys use Three pounds paid By Mr. Drury for highway

Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer

£ 49-0-0

Grafton April 19 1779 We have this day met & perambulated the Line between Shrewsbury & Grafton and Renewed Bounds.

Daniel Homenway } Com.tee
Jonas Stow
Moses Harrington
Jno.a Sherman

May 25: 1779 We the Subscribers met & perambulated the line & Renewed the Bound Between the Town of Westborough & Grafton to the Satisfaction of Both parties

James Miller } Com.tee
Joseph Harrington } of West.o

Silas Warrin } Com.tee
Benja Goddard } of Graf.n

We the Subscribers met on the 20th day of Nov.r 1780 and perambulated the line and Renewed the Bounds Between Grafton and Upton to the Satisfaction of Each party

Jona.s Stow } Selectmen
Joel Brooks } of Grafton
Ephraim Whitney } Selectmen
Joseph Sadler } of Upton

Shrewsbury april 21.st 1783 We the Subscribers met according to appointment at a white oak tree being a Corner Between West.o & Shrewsbury & Grafton and from thence we Renewed the Bound Between the town of Shrewsbury & Grafton until we came to a small maple tree near the river being the Southwesterly Bound of Shrewsbury

Jonas Stow
Thomas Knowlton
Thomas Witherby
Noah Brooks
Luke Brown
} Committee for Shrew.y & Grafton

Grafton april 21 1783 We the Subscribers Being appointed to perambulate the Lines Between the Town of West.o & Grafton & have attended to Service & Renewed the bounds to the Satisfaction of Both Parties

Walt.r Adams
Amos Davis
} Committee of Grafton

Joseph Harrington
Simon Forbes
} Committee of West.o

Nov.r 21: 1776 Then We the Subscribers met the Select men of Grafton and perambulated the Line Between the Town of Shrewsbury & Grafton Beginning at a Chestnut tree and soon said Line to Northbridge Corner Where we renewed the former bounds to the Satisfaction of Both parties

Moses Marshall } Select men
David Nelson } of Shrewsbury

December 2: 1776 Then We the Subscribers met the Select men of Grafton and perambulated the Line Between the Town of Shrewsbury & Grafton and renewed the former bounds to the Satisfaction of Both parties

Nath.l Sherman } Select men
David Forbush } of Grafton

Ezekiel Gates } Committee of Shrewsbury

Grafton May 26: 1777

I hereby notify the Gentlemen Select men of the Town of Grafton that on the 15 of april Last I took into my family Mr Hannah Harbart She was Last from Rutland

Nath[l] Ward

Pinchas Brigham & his wife Lydia with two Children viz Eli & Samuel I have taken into my house for an unlimited time about the 10th of June last Grafton July 5th 1782

To the Select men of Grafton Dan[l] Willard

April 9th 1783 Benja Grover took into his Dwelling house in Grafton one Ithamer Smith & Sally & one (Child) named Priscilla Haywood which came the same day from Worcester Being B. Ithamers Native place

Grafton April 6th 1784

Benja Goddard
James Whipple
Joseph Whipple
Joseph Warren
Shelomith Stow
} Select men of Grafton

True Copy
Attest Benja Goddard Clerk

We the Subscribers met this day & preambulated the Line between the Sutton & Grafton and renewed the Bounds between said Towns

Grafton Sept. 16 1784

Tolenfbe Chase
James Greenwood
David Holman
} Select men of Sutton

James Whipple
Joseph Whipple
} Select men of Grafton

We the Subscribers this day met the Select-men of Grafton and preambulated the Line & renewed the former Bounds between upton and Grafton to y[e] Satisfaction of Both parties

Sept 27 1784

Jonathan Batchelor
Elisha Paradise
} Select men of upton

Joseph Warren
Shelomith Stow
} Select men of Grafton

Sept 27th 1784 We the Subscribers met agreable to appointment and preambulated the Line & renewed the Bounds between the Town of Grafton & Northbridge to the Satisfaction of Both parties

Benja Goddard
Eben[r] Sadler
} Committee of Grafton

Samuel Aldrich
Thomas Knight
} Select men of Northbridge

May 1776 [288]

Worcester ss To the Constable or Constables of Grafton Greeting
you are hereby Required in the name of the Government and
People of the Massachusetts Bay to cause all the votable inhabitants
of the Town Duly qualified to vote for a representative to be Duly
Notified to meet and assemble at the towns meeting-house in
Grafton on thursday the twenty-third Day of this Instant may at
one of the Clock afternoon then and there to Chose (if they see fit) one
or more to represent the Town of Grafton in the Great and
General Court to be held at the meeting-house in Watertown
on Wednesday the 29th Day of may instant at 9 oClock in the
morning During the Session or Sessions untill the last Wednesday
of may next

And make return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon to one
or more of us at or before the hour of meeting —
Given under our hand and Seal at Grafton this 15th Day of may
Anno Domi 1776

Joseph Batchellor, Hez: Taylor, David Forbush — Select men of Grafton

Return —

Worcester ss —
By virtue of this Warrant I have warned all the free holders
& other inhabitants of Grafton Qualified to act in sd meeting
to assemble at the time and Place here in mentioned

Timothy Sherman Constable

May 23d: 1776

The Town of Grafton being assembled agreable to the Warrant
Proceeded and Chose Deacon Joseph Batchellor to
represent the Town of Grafton to the Great & General Court

Worcester ss: To the Constables or Constables of Grafton Greeting
you are hereby Required in the name of the Government and
People of the massachusetts bay To cause all the votable inhabitants
of the town of Grafton to be Duly notified to meet and assemble
at the towns meeting-house in Grafton on thursday the twenty-third
Day of this instant may at two of the Clock afternoon then and
there to act on the following articles —

Viz 1 To Chose a Moderator for sd meeting

2 To hear the Request of mr. Benja Hockwood Junr. former Surveyor
of highways for the year 1774 relative to his highway-rate &
to act thereon as they think proper —

3 To See if the town will abate the Rates of Ebenr. Lyon in the
hands of mr. Moses Holbrook late Constable of Grafton

4th To See if the town will abate the rates of the Revd: Mr Aaron Hutchinson Now in the hands of Mr. Jonth Stow late Constable of Grafton

5th To See how town will have their town meetings warned for the year Ensuing and act thereon as they think Proper - - -

6th To See what the town will Do with the highway rate in the hands of the former Surveyors not settled with the treasurer and act thereon as they think proper

7th To See how the Town will order respecting money in the hands of the Selectmen & others which is Due to the town and act thereon as they Shall think Proper

And make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to one or more of us at or before the hour of meeting - -

Grafton May 15th Day 1776

Joseph Batchellor
Steven Taylor
David Forbush
Selectmen for the Town of Grafton

Return

Worcester ss Grafton May 23: 1776

Pursuant to this Warrant I have notified and warned all the freeholders and votable inhabitants of Grafton to meet according to the time and place herein Specified

Timothy Sherman Constable

The Town of Grafton being met at the time and place appointed in the Warrant proceeded viz -

1 Chose Deacn Joseph Batchellor Moderator

2nd Put to vote whether the town will give credit to those who over-worked their Rates under Mr Benja Rockwood Junr. Surveyor of Highways for the year 1774 upon the Rated in the hands of the Present Surveyor or Surveyors : Past in the affirmative

3. voted to Sink ye Rates assessed on Ebenr Lyon Exclusive of his Highway Rate in the hand of Mr Moses Holbrook Late Constable

4 Put to vote whether the town will abate the Rates assessed on the Revd Mr Aaron Hutchinson & Past in the Negative

5. voted to Leave the affair & manner of Warning the town meetings for the Remainder of the Present year to the Selectmen to Settle (Past by the Sixth article)

7. By a vote ordered the Select men to call in money that was Due from others to the town & to keep that with the Money that is in their own hands which is Due to the town for the present

Joseph Batchellor Moderator

June 1776 (290)

Worcester ss To the Constable or Constables of Grafton Greeting
you are hereby Required in the name of the Government and People
of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay to Cause all the Votible Inhabitants
of the town of Grafton to be Duly notified to meet and assemble at the
Towns meeting-house in Grafton on Wednesday the twelfth Day of June
Instant at 2 of the Clock afternoon then and there to act on the follow
articles Viz

1 To Chose a Moderator for S^d meeting
2 To see what the Town will Do with the highway-rates in the hands
of the former Constables not Settled with the treasurer and act
thereon as they Shall think propper
3 To hear the Petition of Dea. Joseph Merriam and others & act thereon
as they Shall think Propper
4 To See if the Town will Come into Some method to keep the wood &
Timber on the School-Land from being Destroyed & act thereon
as they Shall See fit
5 To accept Town Debts
6 To hear the Covenant Reed Sent out by the Colony of the Massachusetts B

And make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to one
or more of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hand and Seal at Grafton this Sixth Day of June
anno Domini 1776

Hezekiah Taylor
David Johnson
Aaron Kimball
Nath^ll Sherman Jr
} Select men
for Grafton

Return

In obedience to the within Warrant I have
Notified By Posting Coppies of the within Warrant
The Votible inhabitants of Grafton
June 12th 1776 Philemon Stacy Constable

June 12: 1776 The Town of Grafton Being met agreable to the Warrant
Proceeded as followeth
1 Chose Nath^ll Sherman Cap^t moderator for S^d meeting
2 Voted to have a Committee of three men to take Care of the School Land
By a vote Chose Andrew Waters
Benja Goddard
Andrew Adams
} for S^d Committee

Voted Not to Vote to accept of Henry Prentices account for Taking Care of the meeting-house and p[ass]d. in the Negative

By a vote accepted of Capt Aaron Kimballs account for mending the meeting-house £0-3-0

By a vote accepted of the Select mens account for what was Due to Jno Johnson for taking Care of the Widdow Child £6-8-0

Test Nath[l] Sherman moderator

Worcester ss To the Constable or Constables of Grafton Greeting you are hereby Required in the name of Government and people of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay to warn and notify all the Votible inhabitants of the S[d] Town of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town meeting-house on Wednesday the 12 Day of June Instant at four of the Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following Articles Viz

1 To Chose a moderator for S[d] meeting

2 To hear a resolve of the house of Representatives Dated June 7th 1776 and to act thereon

Hereof fail not and make Return of this Warrant and your Doings thereon to one or more of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hand and Seal at Grafton this 10th Day of June Ao 1776

Nath[l] Sherman
Aaron Kimball
Heze Taylor
David Forbush
Selectmen for Grafton

Return

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned and notified all the Votible inhabitants of Grafton June 12th 1776

Philemon Stacy Constable

By a vote Chose Col. John Goulding Moderator for S[d] meeting

Voted to Comply with a resolve of the house of Representatives Concerning independance from the Kingdom of Great Britton Dated June 7th 1776

Test John Goulding Moderator

July 1776 [292]

To Philemon Stacy Constable for the Town of Grafton
you are hereby Required by the authority of the Colony and
People of the Massachusetts Bay to warn all the Notable inhab
tants on the South Side of the Town to meet and assemble at the
Town meeting-house on Saturday the Sixth Day of July instant
at one of the Clock afternoon to act on the following articles
1 To Chose a moderator for s^d meeting
2 To hear y^e Petition of Benj^a Leland and others for Raising
Men for the Present Expedition and act thereon as they shall
think proper ——

3 To see if the town will Choose a committee to take into Consideration
the whole affair of the present war in this Town from the 19^th
of april 1775 and act thereon as they shall think proper

And make Return of your Doings to us at or before the hour
of meeting
Given under our hand and Seal
Grafton July 4^th 1776

Joseph Batchellor
Hez^k Taylor
David Forbush
Aaron Kimball
Nath^l Sherman^jr
Select men for Grafton

Return

In obedience to the within Warrant I have Notified the
South part of Grafton to meet at the time and place appointed
Grafton July 6^th 1776 —— Philemon Stacy Constable

The same warrant in form was Committed to Sim^o Sherman
Constable for Grafton to warn the Northerly part of s^d Grafton
to meet at the afore s^d time and place appointed

His Return

Worcester ss July 6^th 1776

Pursuant to this warrant I have Notified and warned all the
Freeholders and other inhabitants of Grafton assigned to me
for that purpose to meet & assemble at the time and place
there in persise ——— Sim^o Sherman Constable

Grafton July 6^th 1776 The Town of Grafton met agreable to
the Warrant & Proceed as followeth Viz
article 1 By a vote Chose Dea^n Joseph Batchellor Moderator for s^d meeting
art 2 voted to raise a Sum of money to Encourage men to Engage in the
Present Expedition to Newyork — then voted
Then voted to order the Town Treasurer to give notes upon interest
at 20 Dollars Each man to the number of twenty four men that shall
Enlist for s^d Expedition which notes are to be given for 6 months from the
time of their passing muster

3 Put to vote whether the town will Choose a Committee to take into Consideration the whole affair of the present war in this town from the 19th Day of april 1775 past in the affirmative
Then voted to have five men for s Committee

By a vote Chose Col. John Goulding
By a vote Chose — John Sherman
By a vote Chose Capt Asaph Sherman
By a vote Chose Benja Goddard
By a vote Chose Benja Leland

for said Committee

Then adjourn this meeting for two hours Joseph Batchellor Modr

Then met on the adjournment Adjourn again to monday the Eighth of July instant at five of the Cloth afternoon
Joel. Batchellor Modr

July 8th 1776 then met upon adjournment and Resolved s meeting
Joseph Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss

To W Timo Sherman Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Colony and People of the Massachusetts-bay to warn and notify all the votable inhabitants of the Town of s Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town meeting-house on Tuesday the 23rd Day of July instant at two of the Clock afternoon then and there to act as followeth Viz

1 To Choose a moderator for said meeting
2. To see whether the Town will give any thing for Encouragment to those that shall inlist for the present Expedition to reenforce the northern army and in what manner and act thereon as they shall then think Proper

And make Return of this warrant and of your Doings thereon to us at or before the hour of meeting
Given under our hand and Seal this twenty-first Day of June 1776

Joseph Batchellor
Hez. Taylor
Nath. Sherman
David Forbush
Aaron Kimball

Selectmen for Grafton

Return

Grafton July 23d 1776 — — —

In obedience to this warrant I have — Notified and warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of Grafton By Posting a copy of the warrant at Both meetinghouses in s Grafton to meet at the time and place herein mentioned Timothy Sherman Constable

Grafton July 23d 1776 The town of Grafton Being assembled agreable to the warrant proceeded as followeth Viz

Chose John Sherman Moderator for s meeting
Put to vote whether Town will Give any thing to Encourage the men that shall inlist for the northern Expedition Past in the affirmative

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Then voted to Give twenty Dollars to Each man that Shall inlist

Then voted to order the Town-Treasurer to give a twenty Dollar note to Each man that Shall inlist at this time to recruit the northern army said notes are to run for Six months from the Time of their passing muster

John Sherman moderator

In The name of the Colony & People of the Massachusetts Bay

By vertue of a writ Committed to me By the authority I Do hereby warn and notify all the freeholders and other inhabitants of Grafton who are qualified to vote for a grand Juror to meet and assemble at the Towns meeting house in s^d Grafton on monday the 9th Day of Sept^r inttant at 4 O Clock afternoon to Elect one Good and Lawful man who is qualified as aforesaid to Serve as a Grand Juror at our Superior Court to be holden at Worcester on the third Tuesday of Sept^r inttant and also to appoint one other Good and Lawful man who hath like Estate as aforesaid to serve as a petit Juror at our said Court

Grafton Sept^r 5^th 1776

Timothy Sherman Constable

Grafton Sept^r 9th 1776

The Town assembled agreable to the warrant and Proceeded as follows

Viz 1 Chose Capt Nath^ll Sherman moderator for s^d meeting

2^nd Made Choice of Natham Morse Clerk for this meeting

3^d By a vote Chose Capt Nath^ll Sherman to Serve on the Grand Juror for said Court

Nath^ll Sherman Moderator

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In Congress July 4th 1776 A Declaration By the Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled

When in the Course of human Events it Becomes necessary for one people to Dessolve the political Bands which have Connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the Earth the Seperate and Equal Station to which the Laws of nature and of natures God entitle them a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they Should Declare the Causes which impel them to the Separation

We hold these truths to be Self Evident that all men are Created equal that they are Endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights that among these are Life Liberty and the Purhuit of Hapiness that to Secure these Rights Governments are instituted among men Deriving their just powers from the Consent of the Governed that when Ever any form of Government becomes Destructive of these Ends it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it and to institute new Government laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form as to them Shall Seam most likely to Effect their Safty and hapiness Prudence indeed will Dictate that Governments Long Established should not be Changed for light and transient Causes and accordingly all Experience hath Shewn that mankind are more Disposed to Suffer while evils are Sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed But when a long train of abuses and usurpations pursuing invariably the Same Object evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism it is their Right it is their Duty to throw off such Government and to provide new Guards for their future Security Such has Been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies and Such is now the necessity which Constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government the history of the present King of great Britain is a repeated injuries and usurpations all having in Direct object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over the States to prove this let facts Be submitted to a candid world

He has refused his assent to laws the most wholesome and necessary for the Publick Good

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance unless Suspended in their operation until his assent Shall be obtained and when so Suspended utterly neglected to attend them

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large Districts of People unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature a right inestimable to them and formidable to Tyrants only

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual uncomfortable and Distant from the Depositary of their Publick records for the Sole purpose of fatiguing them into Compliance with his measures

He has Dissolved representative houses repeatedly for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people

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He has refused for a long time after such Dissolutions to cause others to be Elected whereby the legislative powers incapable of annihilation have returned to the people at large for their Exercise the State remaining in the mean time Exposed to all the Danger of invasion without and Convulsions within

He has Endeavoured to prevent the population of these States for that purpose obstructing the Laws for naturalization of foreigners refusing to pass others to Encourage their migrations hither and raising the Conditions of new appropriations of Lands

He has obstructed the administration of Justice by refusing his assent to laws for establishing Judiciatory powers

He has made Judges Dependent on his will alone for the Tenure of their offices and the amount and payment of their Salaries

He has Erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither Swarms of officers to harrass our people and Eat out their Substance

He has kept among us in times of peace Standing armies without the Consent of our legislatures

He has affected to render the military independent of and superior to the Civil power

He has Combined with others to Subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution and unacknowledged by our Laws giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation

For quartering Large Bodies of armed Troops among us

For protecting them by a mock trial from punishment for any murders which they should Commit on the inhabitants of these States

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent

For Depriving us in many Cases of the Benefits of Trial by Jury

For transporting us Beyond the Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English laws in a neighbouring province Establishing therein an arbitrary Government and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies

For taking away our Charters abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the forms of our Governments

For suspending our Legislatures and Declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever

He has abdicated Government here by Declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us

He has plundered our Seas ravaged our Coasts Burnt our towns and destroyed the lives of our people

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat the works of Death Desolation and Tyranny already begun with Circumstances of Cruelty and perfidy Scarcely paralleled in the most Barbarous ages and totally unworthy the head of a Civilized Nation

He has Constrained our fellow Citizens Taken Captive on the high Seas to bear arms against their Country to become the Executioners of their friends and Brethren or to fall them Selves by their hands
He has Excited Domestic insurrections amongst us and has Endeavored to bring on the Inhabitants of our frontiers the merciless Indian savage whose known rule of warfare is an undistinguished Destruction of all ages Sexes and Conditions

In Every Stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms our repeated petitions have only been answered by repeated Injury A prince whose Character is thus marked by Every act which may Define a Tyrant is unfit to be the ruler of a free people

Nor have we Been wanting in attention to our British Brethren we have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us we have reminded them of the circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here we have appealed to their native Justice and magnanimity and we have Conjured them by the ties of our Common Kindred to Disavow these usurpations which would inevitably interrupt our Connections and Correspondence they too have been Deaf to the voice of Justice and of Consanguinity we must therefore acquiesce in the necessity which Denounces our Separation and hold them as we hold the rest of man kind Enemies in war in peace friends

We therefore the representatives of the united States of America in General Congress assembled appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions do in the Name and by the authority of the Good people of these Colonies solemnly Publish and Declare that these united Colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent States that they are absolved from all allegience to the British Crown and that all political Connection Between them and the State of Great britain is and ought to be Totally Dissolved and that as free and independent States they have full power to Levy war Conclude peace Contract alliances Establish Commerce and to all other acts and things which independent States may of right Do and for the Support of this Declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine providence we mutually pledge to Each other our lives our fortunes and our Sacred honour

Signed by order and in behalf of the Congress

John Hancock President
Attest Charles Thompson Secretary

In Council July 17th 1776

Ordered that the Declaration of Independence be printed and a copy sent to the Minister of Each parish of Every Denomination within this State & that they severally be required to read the same to their respective Congregations as Soon as Divine Service is Ended in the afternoon on the first Lords Day after they shall have received it and after Such Publication thereof to Deliver the said Declaration to the Clerks of their Several Towns or Districts who are hereby required to record the same in their respective Town or District Books there to remain as a perpetual memorial thereof

In the name and by order of the Council Ri Derby Junr President

A true Copy attest John Avery Deputy Secretary

Printed at Salem Mass. by E. Russell by order of Authority a true Copy from the Print

October 1776

Worcester ss To Mr Timothy Sherman Constable for Grafton Greeting

You are hereby in the name of the Government and people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay to Cause all the votable inhabitants of the Town of Grafton to be Duly warned and notifie to meet and assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in Grafton on monday the twenty first Day of octo instant at one of the Clock afternoon then and their to act on the following articles

Viz 1 To choose a moderator for said meeting

2 To Grant money to Defray Town Charges for the present year

3 To Grant monky to mend and Repair highways for the year Ensuing

4 To See how the Town will order the assessors for the present year Respecting Rating those of the Baptist to the minister Who have in time past produced Certificates

5 To See if the Town will abate the rates assessed on one poll to Ephr Bris in the hands of Danl Grout Late Constable

6 To See if the Town will abate the rates assessed on one poll to Nathl Rawson in the hands of Daniel Grout Late Constable

7 To See if the Town will abate the Minister rate assessed on Samuel Leland in the hands of Daniel Grout Late Constable

8 To See if the Town will abate the Rates assessed on Samuel Whitn in the hands of the admrx of Nath Whitney Late Constable Deceasd

9 To See if the Town will abate the minister rate assessed on Mr Temple in the hands of the admrx of Nath Whitney Late Constable Deceasd

10 To See if the Town will abate the rates assessed on David Temple in Hands of the admrx of Nath Whitney Late Constable Dec-

11 To See if the Town will abate the rates assessed on Ezekiel Johnson in the hand of the admrx of Nathaniel Whitney Late Constable Dec-

12 To See if the Town will abate the rates of David Potter in the hand of the admrx of Nath Whitney Late Constable Deceasd

and make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to one one or more of us at or before the hour of meeting

Grafton october 4 1776

Joseph Batchellor
Hezekh Taylor
David Forbush
Aaron Kimball
Selectmen for Graft

Return

Worcester ss Grafton october 21 1776

In obedience to this warrant I have Notified and warned all the votable inhabitants of Grafton by posting a Copy of the warrant at Both meeting-houses in Grafton to meet at the time and place herein mentioned

Timothy Sherman Constable

October 21: 1776 The Town of Grafton met agreable to the warrant & proceeded as followeth viz

By a vote made Choice of John Sherman for their moderator

By a vote granted £45 to Defray Town Charges

By a vote granted £30 to provide for Schooling

By a vote granted £20 to repair highways

Voted & put y^e qustion on y^e 4th article whither the Town Direct & assessors to rate Every Taxable member of y^e Town to y^e minister rate agreable to Law reserving Liberty to the member of y^e Baptist Society to render their certificates on or before 15 of Nov^r Next who have omitted the rendering one on y^e first of September as y^e Law Directs if any such their be ——— Pass^d in the affirmative

By a vote abated the rates assess^d on one poll to Es^q Brigham in the hands of Daniel Grout Late Constable

By a vote abated the rates assess^d on one poll to Nath^l Rawson in the hands of Dan^l Grout Late Constable

By a vote abated Sam^l Leland minister rate in the hands of Dan^l Grout Late Constable

By a vote abated the rates assess^d on Sam^l Whitney in the hands of the adm^rs of Nath^l Whitney Late Constable Dec^d

Put to vote whither the Town will abate the minister rate assess^d on Abr^m Temple in the hands of the adm^rs of Nath^l Whitney Late Constable Dec^d Pass^d in the Negative

Put to vote whither the Town will abate the rates assess^d on David Temple in the hands of the adm^rs of Nath^l Whitney Late Constable Dec^d Pass^d in y^e Negative

By a vote abated the rates assess^d on Ezekiel Johnson in y^e hands of the adm^rs of Nath^l Whitney Late Constable Dec^d

Put to vote whither the Town will abate the rates assess^d on David Cutler in the hands of the adm^rs of Nath^l Whitney Late Constable Dec^d Pass^d in the Negative.

Then ajorned the meeting to the third monday in Nov^r at one of y^e Clock afternoon ——— John Sherman moderator

Nov^r 18: 1776 The Town met on ajornment and proceeded as followeth viz

By a vote abated David Temples rates in y^e hands of the adm^rs of Nath^l Whitney Late Constable Dec^d

By a vote reconsidered the vote pass^d on the fourth article respecting the Baptist

Then Put to vote whither the Town will order y^e assessors to omit rating those of the Baptist Society that are recorded on the Town-book Bearing Date August 31: 1774 To the minister for this year Pass^d in the affirmative

Then adjorned the meeting till the first monday in January Enjuing at one of the Clock afternoon John Sherman moderator

Jan^y 6: 1777 The Town of Grafton met on adjornment and Dessolved y^e meeting John Sherman moderator

Worc.r ss To Mr Tim.o Sherman Constable for Grafton Greeting

Agreable to the order of Court held at Worc.r Dated 21 October 177

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government & people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay to Cause all the Votable Inhab.s of s.d Grafton to be Duly warned and notified to meet at the Towns Meeting-house on monday the twenty fifth of this instant November at Ten of the Clock in the fore noon then and there to act as followeth

Viz 1 To Choose a moderator for said meeting

2 To bring in their votes for a County Register

3 To Bring in their votes for a County Treasurer

Hereoff fail not and make return of this warrant to one or more of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hand and Seal this twenty third Day of Novem.r 1

Joseph Batchelor Select
Hez.r Taylor of Graf
Aaron Kimball

Worcester ss Return

Grafton November 25.th 1776

In obedience to this warrant I have notified & warned all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton by posting a Copy of this warrant at both Meeting houses in Grafton to meet at the time and place herein men

Timothy Sherman Const.

Grafton November 25: 1776

The Town of Grafton assembled agreable to warning & proceeded as followeth

Viz By a vote Chose Capt Aaron Kimball moderator for said meeting then by a vote adjourn.d s.d meeting to four of y.e Clock afternoon

Aaron Kimball Moderator

Nov.r 25: 1776

Then met on y.e adjournment at four of y.e Clock & adjourn.d s.d meeting to Thursday y.e 28 instant at twelve of the Clock at noon

Aaron Kimball Mod.r

November 28: 1776

Then the Town met on adjournment and proceeded as followeth

1 voted for a County Register

2 voted for a County Treasurer

Then Dessolved the meeting

Aaron Kimball Moderator

Worc.r ss To the Constables or Constables of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government and of the State of the Massachusetts Bay to warn & notify all the Votable inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at y.e Towns Meetinghouse in s.d Grafton on monday y.e tenth Day of Febru next at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to act as followeth Viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To Grant money to pay those Soldiers that have kept notes of the year past to Serve as Soldiers in the Continental army or act thereon as they Shall think proper

3 To See if the Town will abate the rates assest on William Walker in the hands of William Brigham Late Constable

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant at or before the hour of meeting —

Given under our hand & Seal this twenty Seventh Day of January 1777

Jos. Batchellor
Hez. Taylor Selct
Nath. Sherman men for
David Forbush Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton February 10th 1777

In obedience to this warrant I have notified and warned all the Votable inhabitants of Grafton by posting a copy of this warrant at Both meeting-houses in Said Grafton to meet at the time and place herein mentioned — Timothy Sherman Constable

February the tenth Day 1777

The Town of Grafton met agreeable to warning and proceeded as followeth

Viz 1 By a vote Chose Capt Nathanael Sherman moderator for Said Meeting

Then voted to have those Soldiers that have taken notes of the Town to Serve in the army in their own person to give the notes up and make it their own turns as many of them as See Cause

Then voted to have a Committee Chosen to See who will Give up their notes and make it their own turns

Then Chose Lt Jos. Warren Porly Batchellor & Nath. Ward for Said Committee

By a vote abated the rates of Will. Walker in the hands of William Brigham Late Constable

Then by a vote adjourn'd the meeting to fryday next at two o'Clock afternoon

Feby. 14: 1777 the Town met according to adjournment

The Committ above Chosen reported that But two of the Soldiers offer Give up their notes as above mentioned

Then by a vote Granted £107-0-0 to pay the Soldiers the notes mentioned in the warrant — Nath. Sherman jr. moderator

Worcs. ss

To the Constable or Constables or Either of them Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the State and people of the massachusetts-Bay forth-with to warn and notify the freeholders and other votable inhabitants to meet and assemble at the Towns meeting-house on monday the tenth Day of February instant at 2-Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following articles Viz —

1 To Chuse a moderator for Said meeting

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2 To See if the Town will Concur and Join with the Late propos
of the Town of Sutton for a county Congress as is Set forth in
a hand Bill Bearing Date January 28th 1777 and act thereon
as they Shall think proppr

Hereof fail not and make return of your Doings to one or
more of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hand Seal Grafton February 28th 1777

Hezr Taylor } Select
David Forbush } men of
Nathl Sherman } Grafto

February 10th 1777

The Town met agreeable to warning & proceed as followeth —

Viz. By a vote Chose Capt. Nathl Sherman moderator for Said meetin
Put to vote whither the Town will Concur and Join with Sutton as Set
forth in the warrant Pass'd in the affirmative

Then voted to have two Deligates

By a vote Chose Lt Asaph Sherman } for Said
By a vote Chose Jos. Rice } Deligate

Nath Sherman Jr Mo

In the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Seven —
Agreable to an act of Court Intitled an act to prevent Monopoly &
The Select-men and Committee of the Town of Grafton have met
& affixed and Settled the price of the articles hereafter mentioned

Wheat Good merchantible wheat at 6/8 pr. Bushel
Rye Good merchantible Rye at 4/4 pr Bushel
Indian Corn Good merchantible Indian Corn at 3/2 pr Bushel
Wool, Good merchantible Sheep's Wool at 2/ pr pound
Pork Fresh pork well fatted & of Good Quality at 4d pr. pound
Pork, Salt pork Good Midling at 3d pr lb & Meaner Sort in proportion
Beef, Good well fatted Grass fed Beef at 2-3d pr pound
and Beef of an inferior Quality in Equal proportion
Beef Stall-fed Beef well fatted at 3d 3q pr lb and Beef of an inferior
Quality in Equal proportion
Hides, Raw Hides at 3d pr lb and Raw Calf-Skins at 6d pr lb
Cheese Good Cheese of the Best Quality at 5d 2q. pr pound
and of the midling Sort at at 4d pr lb & the Meaner Sort 2d pr lb
Butter Butter at 9d pr pound By the Single pound
and 8d 2q pr pound by the firkin
Pees Good merchantible Pees at 7/ pr. Bushel
Beans Good merchantible Beans at 6/ pr Bushel
Potatoes Potatoes Commonly Called Spannish potatoes at the Best Quality
in the fall of the year at 1/ pr Bushel and in the Spring of
of the year at 1/4 pr Bushel & other potatoes of the meaner sor
in Equal proportion — and turnips at 8d pr Bushel
Turnips

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Stocking — Mens best yarn Stocking at 6/ pr pair and in that proportion for an inferior sort

Shoes — Mens Shoes made of neats Leather of the best Common sort 7/6 pr pair & for other the like price according to their Size and proportion

Barly — Good Barly at 3/8 pr Bushel & malt at the same price

oats — oats at 1/9 pr Bushel

Inn-Holders fees — For a meal of victuals of their best kind not to Exceed 1/ and of their Common kind at 8d pr meal

Philip made of new-England rum at 8d pr mug

and Philip made of Westindia rum not to Exceed 10d pr mug

Half a gill of west india rum at 2d. and half a gill of New-England rum at 1d 2q. and a mess or two Quarts of oats at 3d

for keeping a horse a night or 24 hours 1/3

and for keeping a yoke of oxen a night or 24 hours 1/6

Lodging a single person for one night 3d /q

Mutton — Hall-fed mutton at 3d 2q pr pound and other inferior Quality in Cattle in proportion

Veal — Good veal from the first of December to the first of may at 3d pr lb

and the rest of the yeart at 2d pr pound

Lamb — Good Lamb at 3d pr pound

Milk — New milk by Grass By the Quart 1d 3q. and Milk by hay at 2d a Quart

Hay — English hay of the best kind at 2/6 pr hundred

Barrels — Good heart Barrels at 3/4 a piece & a good Sap Barrel 2/6 a piece

Cyder — Cyder by the Barrel Exclusive of the Cask 3/ at the prop

and for Spring and Summer at 6/ pr Barrel without the Cask

Shoes. — for making mens and womens Shoes at 2/8 pr pair

Horse-shoeing — For Shoeing a horse plain Shoeing at 4/4

Other Black Smiths work — For plough-Shares Chains Crow-bars axes hoes Cythes and all other Smith-work according to the former Custom making proper allowance for the Extraordinary price of Iron and Steel

Charcoal — Charcoal Delivered at the Black-Smiths Shop at 3d pr Bushel

work — or Labour at 1/6 pr Day

Horse work — Horse work at 2d pr mile

Mens Labour — Mens Labour from the 15th of June to the 15th of august at 3/ Day and from the first of may to the 15th of June and from the 15th of august to the Last of September at 2/ pr Day — March April Octo and November at 1/8 pr Day — Their December January & Febru at 1/3 pr Day

Onions — Good onions at 3/ pr Bushel

Carpenters Labour — Carpenters Labour from the first of april to the first of octo at 3/8 pr Day to be found as usual — and so in usual proportion at other Seasons of the year

Masons and masons Labour the same with the Carpenters Labour

Labour at all Seasons of the year

Tanners For Tanning Hides not to Exceed 1/2 pr pound and Skins in Common proportion

Cloth 1 yard wide Tow-Cloth at 3/2 pr yard

Women Labour Maids wages at 2/10 pr Week & 2d pr Single Skein for Spinning

Men-Taylors men-Taylor Work 2/2 pr Day & women-taylering at mens Cloathing at 10d pr Day

Joseph Batchellor, Hezekh Taylor, David Forbush } Select men of Graftn

Worcester ss

To the Constables of Grafton or Either of them Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Governmt and people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay to Warn and notify all the Votable inhabitants of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Towns Meetinghouse in S.d Grafton on Monday the third Day of march next at Eight of the Clock in the morning then and there to act as followeth viz

1 To Choose a moderator for S.d meeting

2 To Choose Town officers as the Law Directs

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3d To accept Town Debts

4 To Direct to amode for providing a School for the Town the year Ensuing

5 To See if the Town will Suffer the Swine to run at Large for the year Ensuing Being yoked and ringed as the Law Directs

6 To hear and Consider the report of the Town Treasurer

7 To See what the Town will allow a day for man and for cart and for Team for work at highway for the year Ensuing

8 To Choose a committee of Correspondency Safety and inspection agreable to the Courts act

9 To See if the Town will abate the rates assessd on Nathl Cooper in the hands of Jona Stow Late Constable

10 To See if the Town will abate the rates assessd on 2nd Hall in the hands of Jona Stow Late Constable

11 To See if the Town will abate the Rates assessd on David Temple in the hands of Daniel Grout Late Constable

12 To See if the Town will abate the minister rate assessd on Zephaniah Lathe in the hands of Daniel Grout Late Constable

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to one or more of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal this fourteenth Day of February A D 1777

Joseph Batchelor
Hezi. Taylor
David Forbush
Nathl Sherman
Selectmen for Grafton

Worcester ss

Persuent to this within warrant I have notified and warned all the Votable inhabitants of Grafton to meet and assemble at the time and place for the purpose within Specified By Posting a Copy of the Warrant at both meeting-houses in Grafton according to a vote of the Town

Grafton March 3: 1777 Philemon Stacey Constable

Grafton March 3d 1777 The Town met agreable to warning and acted on the following articles Viz

1. By a vote Chose Capt Nathl Sherman Moderator for S meeting
2. Chose Honor Stow Jr and Noah Vilas Wardens
Then voted to have five Selectmen Viz

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By a vote Chose Doa: Joseph Batchellor
By a vote Chose John Sherman
By a vote Chose Benja Goddard
By a vote Chose Jonathan Stow
By a vote Chose Asaph Sherman
} Selectmen

Then By a vote adjourn'd the meeting for one hour
Nath[l] Sherman moderator

on adjournment the Town met and proceed Viz
By a vote Chose Joseph Meriam Jr. Town Treasurer
By a vote Chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk
By a vote Chose Benja Goddard
By a vote Chose Ephraim Lyon
By a vote Chose William Brigham
} Assessors

Then By a vote agreed to have five men for Committee of Correspond. Inspection & Safety
By a vote Chose David Forbush
By a vote Chose Elisha Brigham
} Committee

Then By vote adjourn'd the meeting to monday next at Ten of the Clock in the morning at the meting-house
Nath[l] Sherman Mod[r]

on adjournment the Town met and proceed Viz
By a vote Chose Hezekiah Jaylor
By a vote Chose Timothy Sherman
By a vote Chose Henry Prentice
} for the rest of the above Committee

Then voted to have two Constables for the year Ensuing
By a vote Chose Benja Garfield
By a vote Chose Daniel Willard
} Constables

Then By a vote accepted of Philemon Stacy to Serve Constable for Benja Garfield

Then voted to have the rest of the Town officers Chose By ballot (Viz)

Then past a vote to have Seven Surveyors of highways this year
By a vote Chose Asaph Sherman
By a vote Chose Jonathan Wheeler
By a vote Chose Phin[s] Leland
By a vote Chose Nath[l] Batchellor
By a vote Chose Dan[l] Grout
By a vote Chose Jon[a] Stow
By a vote Chose Moses Sherman
} Surveyors of highways

Then Past a vote to have three Tything men for this year
By a vote Chose Elisha Brigham
By a vote Chose Jos: Whipple
By a vote Chose Nathan Morse
} Tything men

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Then pass'd a vote to have Hogwiefs for the year Ensuing
By a vote Chose Daniel Whipple
By a vote Chose John Lyon
By a vote Chose Moses Sherman
By a vote Chose Levi Leland
By vote Chose John Goulding Esq. } Hogwiefs

Voted To have two firewards for the year Ensuing
By a vote Chose David Stow
By a vote Chose Nathan Morse } firewards

Voted to have three fence viewers for the year Ensuing
By a vote Chose Capt. Nath[l] Sherman
By a vote Chose Philemon Stacey
By a vote Chose Ephraim Sherman } fence viewers
By a vote Chose Ephraim Lyon Leather Sealer
By a vote Chose Phin[s] Leland Sealer of hoops

Voted to have five men Chose for a Committee to manage the School affair for the year Enjuing
By a vote Chose Jon[a] Stow
By a vote Chose Benj[a] Goddard
By a vote Chose John Sherman
By a vote Chose Dea[n] Jo[s] Batchellor
By a vote Chose Asaph Sherman } Com[tt] for S[d]

Then pass'd a vote to allow the Swine to run at large 1 year Enjuing
Voted to allow 2/ pr Day for man to work at highways and for Cart 8[d] pr Day and for Oxen 1/ pr Day the year Enjuing
By a vote abated the rates assess[d] on Nath[l] Cooper in the hands of Jon[a] Stow Late Constable
By a vote abated the Rates assess[d] on David Semple in the hands of Daniel Grout Late Constable
Pass'd a vote to have the Surveyors of highways to be Collectors of the high-way rates for the year Enjuing
Voted to have the Select men manage the highway Surveyors Bills in the Same Maner as Last year

~~Voted adjourn the meeting till Monday next at one of the Clock afternoon at the meeting house~~

accepted Town Debts hereafter named Viz ~~Nathan Stow~~
By vote allowed John Prentice for Teaching a School & Boarding him self £6-0-0
By a vote allowed Philemon Staceys account for Boarding Hon[r] Niles & family and Carrying them out of Town £0-11-0
By vote allowed D[r] Jo[s] Woods for Doctoring Jon[a] Marbles family 1-15-2
By vote allowed David Horbush for Peram bulating Lines 0-4-0
By vote allowed James Leland for providing a School 8-0-0
By vote allowed Jacob Whipple for boarding Hannah Phelps and for Sapping her Shoes &c 6-0-9

Turn over

March 1777 (308)

By vote allowed Jos. Whipple for Bording Hannah Philips £0-18-
By vote allowed Sam.l Harris Request for Receiving a Sum
of Money of the Town to provid Schooling 6-0-
By vote allowed Moses Haydens account for Schooling - - - 7-6-
By vote allowed Nath.l Sherman for peram bulating Lines 0-3-
By vote allowed Simon Brooks for making rates for y.e year 1775: 0-8-
By vote allowed Nath.l Sherman Jr. for numbering the
People and making Return to the Court - - - - 0-6-
By vote allowed James Whipple for providing a School
and for bording a School master &c 7-0-
By vote allowed Jos. Meriam Jr. for making Rates - - 0-13-
By vote allow.d Dan.l Jos. Meriam for keeping y.e Treasury 0-13-
By vote allowed Jon.a Stone for making rates 0-9-
By vote allowed Benj.a Goddard for making rates - - 0-12-
By vote allowed Elijah Brown for Sweeping the meeting
house and for mending the pound 0-10-

Then adjourn.d the meeting till monday next at one of
the Clock afternoon being the 17.th Instant at this place
Nath.l Sherman Mod.r

March 17. 1777 the Town met on adjournment and proceeded
viz Voted to have two Field Drivers for the year Ensuing
By a vote Chose John Whipple
By vote Chose Moses Sherman Field Drivers for the year Ensuing
Then adjourn.d the meeting till monday 24.th Instant at twelve
of the Clock at noon to the meeting house
Nath.l Sherman Moderator

March 24.th 1777
The Town met on adjournment and allowed Steph.n Taylor a grant
for maintaining y.e Poor of the Town
Nath.l Sherman Jr. Mod.r

March 1777 (309)

Worc.ss To the Constable or Constables of the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are Requiried in the name of the Government and people of the State of the Massachusett Bay to warn all the free holders and Notable inhabitants of this Town to meet and assemble at the Towns meeting house on monday the third Day of march next at three of the Clock in the afternoon then and there to act on the following artitles Viz

1st To Choose a moderator for s.d meeting

2d To Bring in there votes in writing for some Discreet Suitable person for a county Register

and make return of your Doings to one or more of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal this 26th Day of Feb.y A.D 1777

Joseph Batchellr Select
Hez.h Taylor men for
Nath.l Sherman Grafton

Worcester ss Grafton march 3.d 1777

In obedience to this warrant I have notified and warned all the free holders and othr Notable inhabitants of Grafton By Putting a Copy of the warrant at Both meeting houses in said Grafton to meet at time and place here in mention

Timothy Sherman Constable

March 3.d 1777

The Town of Grafton being assembled agreable to warning Proceeded as followeth Viz

1st By a vote Chose

Moderator for s.d meeting

Brought in there votes for a county Register agreable to warrant

Worcester ss To the Constables of Grafton or Either of them Greeting

You are hereby Required in the Name of the Government and People of the State of the massachusetts Bay to warn all the Notable inhabitants of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town meeting-house on monday next at two of the Clock afternoon then and there to act as followeth Viz

1st To Choose a moderator for said meeting

2d To see if the Town will Grant money to help raise Soldiers to Serve in the Continental army for three years or act there on as they shall think proppor

3d To see if the Town Choose a Com.tee to Reckon and settle with the old Treasurer and Remove the treasury to the new Treasurer

4th To see if the Town will vote to have the Constables for the year Ensuing warn the Town meetings By posting

5th To see if the Town will Give Leave to have a Hospital Set up in Town to Inoculate for the Small pox at Aaron Sherman

Turn over

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to one or more of us at or before the Hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal this Tenth Day of March (177

John Sherman
Jon.a Stow
Benj.a Godden
Asaph Sherman

Selectmen of Graf

Return

Worc.r ss

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Votable inhabitants of Grafton to meet and assemble at the time and place for the purpose within Specified By Posting a Copy of the warrant at Both the meeting-houses in Grafton according to the Vote of the Town

Grafton March 17.th 1777

Philemon Stacy Constable

March 17th 1777 The Town of Grafton met agreable to warning and proceeded as followeth Viz.

1 By a Vote Chose David Forbush Moderator for said meeting

Then adjourned 1/2 meeting for half an hour

Then being met on adjournment proceeded as followeth

2 Put to vote whether the Town will allow the Select men and Committe to pay £30. to each man that may inlist into the army During the present war or for three years out of the money which Lies in Bank for the use of raising Soldiers Pass.d in the affirmative

3 Put to vote whether the Town will order the Select men to Settle with the old Treasurer and move the Treasury to the new Treasurer Pass.d in the affirm.e

4 Put to vote whether the Town will Leave it to the Select men to order when the Constable for the present year Shall warn the Town meetings By Riding and when By Posting Pass.d in the affirmative

5 Put to vote whether the Town Give Leave to have a Hospital Set up at Aaron Shermans in order to Inoculate for the Small Pox Pass.d in the Negative

David Forbush Moderator

Grafton Feb.y 28.th 1777

Rec.d of the Select men three pounds By the hand of Hezekiah Taylor for a barrel of Pork Given by M.r Dan.l Brown to the Town in the year 1775.

Rec.d by me Joseph Meriam Town Treasurer

March 1777 311

Worcester ss To Mr Timothy Sherman Constable for the Town of Grafton greeting

You are Required in the name of the Government and People of the State of the Massachusetts-Bay to warn and notify all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town meetinghouse on monday the Twenty fourth Day of march instant at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to act as follows

1 To Choose a moderator for sd meeting

2 To hear the report of the Selectmen repecting their settlement with the former Treasurer and the removing the Treasury to the present Treasurer and accept there of if they See Cause

3 To See if the Town will Choose a committee to hire men to serve in the Continental army for three years or During the present war and to instruct them how many to hire into Service and what to give Each man or take any other method that they Shall See Cause

4 To See if the Town will Choose a committee to make an Equal an Everage as may be upon the inhabitants of the Town on account of what Each man hath Done in the present war and make report to the Town of what sd Committee Shall Do as soon as may be

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to one or more of us at or before the hour of meeting Given under our hands and Seal this 19th Day of march A D 1777

John Sherman
Benja Godd and
Jona Stow
Selectmen for Grafton

Return on the warrant

Worcester ss In obedience to this warrant I have Notified and warned all the Votable inhabitants of Grafton by Posting a Copy of this at both meetinghouses in Grafton to meet at time and place here in mentioned

Grafton march 24th 1777

Timothy Sherman Constable

March 24th 1777 The Town of Grafton met agreable to warning and proceeded as followeth Viz

1 By vote Chose Capt Nath[l] Sherman Moderator

2 accepted of the Selectmens report Brought in repecting the Settlement with the Late Treasurer & removing the Treasury to the present Treasurer

3 Put to vote whether the Town will have a committee Chose to hire men to Inlist or Serve in the Continental army for three years or During the present war Past in ye affirmative

By vote Chose Lt Steph Sherman
By vote Chose Perley Batchellor
By vote Chose Lt Joseph Warrin
By vote Chose Jona Wheeler
By vote Chose Philemon Stacey
} for sd Committee

Then By vote ordered the above Committee not to Exceed £30 Each man which they Shall hire into Said Service

Turn over

4th Put to vote whether the Town will Choose a committee to
to make as Equal an Everage as may be upon this Town
of What Each man hath Done in the present war
Then voted to have Seven for said Committee Past in the affirmative
By vote Chose Capt Luke Drury
By vote Chose Silas Warriner
By vote Chose Benja Gaddard
By vote Chose Benja Leland
By vote Chose Benja Garfield
By vote Chose Nathl Rawson
By vote Chose Ephraim Lyon
} for the said Committee

Then by vote Adjournd the meeting till Monday the Seventh
Day of April next at two O:Clock afternoon: Nathl Sherman Mo

April 7: 1777 The Town of Grafton met on adjournment
and proceeded as followeth Viz

By a vote accepted of the Committees report refer'd to in
the 4th article brought in by them for making an Everage on the Town
on account of what Each man had Done in the war
Then put to vote whether the Town will reconsider the
above vote — pass'd in the affirmative

Put to vote whether the Town will impower the Committee
Chosen to hire men into the Continental Service to give receipts
on behalf of the Town to Each man that shall pay
to them money Subscribed for the use of hiring men
into said Service Pass'd in the affirmative

Then by vote adjournd the meeting till Fryday the Eleventh
of this Instant April at two O: Clock afternoon —
to this place Nathl Sherman Moderator

April 11: 1777 The Town of Grafton met on adjournment and
proceeded as followeth Viz
after reading the above Committees report Chosen to make an
Everage on the Town on account of what Each man hath Done
in the present war Put to vote whether the Town will accept
accept of s'd report and pass'd in the Negative
Nathl Sherman Moderator

Grafton March 19-1777 (313)

We the Subscribers have met with Deac. Joseph Meriam former Treasurer for Sd Grafton and he hath Delivered up his orders both what was ordered in and what was paid out and we find upon strict Examining of them in the Treasury three Hundred and forty pounds twelve Shillings and one farthing not paid out of the Treasury Exclusive of all Highway rereages which is two hundred and twenty two pounds three pence and one farthing also we find fines paid in by Lt Daniel Grout £49-18-6 and by Lt Jamy Whipple £84-2-2 to Sd Treasury

We find also in the hands of Ephraim Sherman Late Constable £57-7-10-1 if his orders be not answered and if they be answered there remains for him to pay £1-18-5-3

and in the hands of Ebenr Wadsworth Late Constable £69-2-8-1 if his orders be not answered and if they be he is Quit

N.B Constable Sherman & Constable Wadsworths orders are highway orders

Whereupon Deac. Joseph Meriam former Treasurer hath Delivered up the Town papers to us and we have committed them to the Care and Conduct of Mr. Joseph Meriam Jr. Present Treasurer and we Do hereby Discharge the said Deac. Joseph Meriam former Treasurer from the Town of Grafton making any Demands farther upon him as Treasurer

N.B. The above Sum mentioned for Eph Sherman to pay if his orders be answered Viz £1-18-5-3 is included in the first Sum herein mentioned Viz £340-12-0-1

John Sherman
Benja Goddard } Selectmen for the Town of Grafton
Jona Stone

Joseph Meriam Late Town Treasurer

March 24:1777 the above report read and accepted By the Town of Grafton — attest — Nath.l Sherman Jr. Moderator

Grafton March 19:1777

Then Recd of the Selectmen of Grafton the Sum of Three Hundred and forty pounds Twelve Shillings and one farthing Exclusive of the two hundred and twenty two pounds three pence farthing Highway rereages and one hundred thirty four pounds Eight pence which money was Collected as fines and Lodged in the Treasury and Recd further fifty Seven pounds Seven Shillings & ten pence farthing if those highway orders which was Given to Eph Sherman be not answered if paid there's nothing and £69-2-8-1 in Ebenr Wadsworths if the orders for Highway accounts are not paid if they be there is nothing Due from the Late Constables as the Selectmen report this receipt is Given with this proviso that there be as much and Errors Excepted

Sum Total of the Whole £823-3-6

Joseph Meriam Jr Town Treasr

April 1777 (314)

Worcester ss. To Mr Philemon Stacey Constable for the Town of Grafton greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government and People of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn and notify all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town meting-house on Monday the Twenty-Eighth Day of this april Instant at 4: O: Clock afternoon then and there to act as followeth Viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for said meeting

2 To hear the petition of a number of the votable Inhabitants of this Town and to act thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to one or more of us at or before the Hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Twenty fifth Day of April Ad 1777.

John Sherman Select
Benja Goddard } Grafton
Jona Stow

Return

Worc: ss. Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the time and place for the purpose within Specified By posting a Copy of the warrant at both meting-houses in Grafton according to a vote of the Town

Grafton April 28: 1777 Philemon Stacey Constable

April 28: 1777 The Town of Grafton met at time and place agreable to warning & proceeded as followeth Viz

1 By a vote Chose Mr John Sherman Moderator for s. meeting

2 Then heard the Petition which the second article Refered Viz To the Select men of Grafton Gen.t We the Subscribers Inhabitants of said Grafton Humbly pray you forthwith to Call a Town meeting for s.d Town if they See Cause to Dismiss Jon.a Wheler from being one of the Committee to hire men for the Continental Service Viz as we are apprehensive s.d Wheler is not firm and friendly to this State and for s.d Town to act further as they shall See Cause

Grafton April 23: 1777 Signed By 16 of the inhabitants of Graf.tn

Then Voted to vote Whether the Town will Dismiss Jon.a Wheler from being a Committee man for hiring Soldiers into the Continental Service agreable to the article in s.d warrant

Voted in the affirmative Attest John Sherman Moderator

Grafton 1. 1777 (315)

According to an act of the General Court of this State the Selectmen & Committee of Correspondence Inspection & have met & affixed a price on the following articles usually sold in the Town of Grafton as followeth Viz

		£	D.	Q
Wheat	Good wheat at 6/8 pr Bushel	6	8	0
Rye	Good Rye at 4/4 pr Bushel	4	4	0
Indian Corn	Good Indian Corn at 3/2 pr Bushel	3	2	0
Wool	Good Sheep Wool at 2/ pr pound	2	0	0
Pork	Fresh Pork well fatted at 4d pr pound	0	4	0
	Salt pork of the Best kind at 8d pr pound	0	8	0
	and meaner sort in proportion			
Beef	Good well fatted Grass fed Beef at 2d 2q pr pound	0	2	2
	and Beef of an inferior quality of Equal proportion			
	Stall fed Beef well fatted at 3d 3q pr pound	0	3	3
	and Beef of an inferior Quality of Equal proportion			
Hides	Raw hides at 3d pr pound	0	3	0
	Calf skins at 6d pr pound	0	6	0
Cheese	Good Cheese of the Best Quality at 5d 2q pr pound	0	5	2
	and of the midling sort at 4d pr pound	0	4	0
	and of the meaner sort at 2d 2q pr pound	0	2	2
Butter	Lump Butter at 9d pr pound	0	9	0
	and Butter by the firkin at 8d 2q pr pound	0	8	2
Pees	Good pees at 7/ pr Bushel	7	0	0
Beans	Good Beans at 6/ pr Bushel	6	0	0
Potatoes	Good Potatoes in the fall of the year at 1/ pr Bushel	1	0	0
	and in the Spring of the year at 1/4 pr Bushel	1	4	0
Turneps	Good Turneps at 8d pr Bushel	0	8	0
Stockings	Mens Best yarn Stockings at 6/ pr	6	0	0
	and in that proportion for an inferior sort			
Shoes	Mens Shoes made of neat Leather of the Best sort at 7/6 a pr	7	6	0
	and for other the Like according to their size & proportion			
Barley & malt	Good Barly and malt at 3/8 pr Bushel	3	8	0
Oats	Good oats at 2/ pr Bushel	2	0	0
For the	For a meal of the Best of Victuals at 1/	1	0	0
Entertainment	and a meal of the Common Sort at 8d	0	8	0
	Philipp made of New England Rum at 10d pr mug	0	10	0
	& philipp made of Westindia rum at 1/ pr mug	1	0	0
	Half a Gill of Westindia rum at 2d	0	2	0
	and half a Gill of newengland rum at 1d 2q	0	1	2
	oats at 3d 2q pr mug or two Quarts	0	3	2
	For keeping a horse a night or 24 hours on Good hay at	1	6	0
	for keeping a yoke of oxen a night or 24 hours on Good hay	1	9	0
	For Lodging one Single person one night 3d 1q	0	3	1
Mutton	Stall fed mutton at 3d 2q pr pound	0	3	2
	and other of Inferior Sort in Equal proportion			
Veal	Good veal from 1st first of December to the first of may at 3 pr pound	0	3	0
	and the rest of the year at 2d pr pound	0	2	0

		£	s	d
Lamb	Good Lamb at 3d pr pound	0	3	0
Milk	New milk By Grass By the Quart at 1½	0	1	3
	and new milk By hay at 2d pr Quart	0	2	0
Hay	English hay of the Best Sort at 3/ pr Hundred	3	0	0
Barrels	a Good heart Barrel at 3/4	3	4	0
	and a good Sap Barrel at 2/6	2	6	0
Cyder	Cyder at the press at 3/4 pr Barrel	3	4	0
	& for Spring & Summer at 6/ pr Barrel	6	0	0
Making Shoes	For making mens & womens Shoes 2/8 apr	2	8	0
	and for other Shoes according to their Size & proportion			
Horse Shoeing & other	For Shoeing a horse plain all round at 4/4	4	4	0
	For Shoeing a horse all round well Steel'd 6/	6	0	0
Black Smith Work	For plowshares Chains Coban axes hoes Lythes and all other Black Smith work according to the former Custom making a proper allowance for the Extra ordinary price of Iron & Steel			
Charcoal	Charcoal Delivered at the Smiths Shop 3d pr Bushel	0	3	0
ox Work	ox Work at 1/6 pr Day	1	6	0
	and for a yoke of oxen to go a Journey at 8d pr mile	0	3	0
Horse work	Horse work for a Journey at 2d pr mile	0	2	0
	and for a horse a Day to work about home 1/2	1	2	0
Mens Labour	Mens Labour from the 15th of June to the 15th of August at 3/ pr Day	3	0	0
	and from the first of December to the first of March at 1/6 pr Day	1	6	0
	the month of march at 1/8 pr Day	1	8	0
	the month of april at 2/ pr Day	2	0	0
	the month of may at 2/4 pr Day	2	4	0
	from the first of June to the 15th Day at 2/6 pr Day	2	6	0
	from the 15th of august to the first of october 2/2 Day	2	2	0
	for the month of october 2/ pr Day	2	0	0
	and for the month of Novr at 1/8 pr Day	1	8	0
Carpenter Labour	Carpenters work from the first of April to the first of october to be found as usual 3/3 pr Day	3	3	0
	and the other Season of the year in proportion			
onions	Good onions at 3/ pr Bushel	3	0	0
Mason Labour	Mason Labour the same pr the Carpenters Labour in all Seasons of the year			
Tanning	For Tanning Hides 1d 2q pr pound	0	1	2
	and Skins in Common proportion			
Weaving	For weaving yard wide Tow Cloth 3d 3 pr yard	0	3	3
	for weaving Common all wool Ell wide Cloth 4d	0	4	0
	and other weaving in proportion			
Womens wages	Womens wages at 3/ pr week	3	0	0
	and for nursing according to usual Custom in proportion			
	for Spinning 4 Scain yarn 14 knots in a Scain at 4d pr Scain	0	4	0

		£	s	d
Women Work	For spinning good woolen warp seven knots in a skain at 2d 2 qr pr skain	0	2	2
Men Taylor work	and other spinning in proportion			
	Men Taylor at 2/2d pr Day	2	2	0
	and women Taylor work at 10d pr Day	0	10	0
	and for taking in work according to usual proportion			
Bedsteds	a good Bed Sted made of maple timber at 6/	6	0	0
Chairs	For a plain sting Chair well Bottom'd and made of maple Tim	12	4	0
	and other Chairs in proportion as usual			
Cartwheels	For making a pair of Cart wheels of Good Timber	£1	10-0	0
Sawing Boards	For Sawing oak Boards By the hundred at 1/2 pr hund.	1	2	0
	Good oak Boards at 2/8 pr hundred	0	2	8
	and other Boards in proportion according to former Custom			
Bark Wood	Good oak Bark at the yard at 13/4 pr Coard	13	4	0
	Good oak wood at 7/ pr Cord	7	0	0
	Good walnut wood at ~~Eight shill~~ 8/ pr Cord	8	0	0
Doctors Travil	For a Doctors Travil 7d pr mile	0	7	0
	and other articles in proportion according to the former Custom in the Cost of medicine			
Rakes	for a good Rake well made at 1/2	1	2	0
Ploughs	For a good Stubble plough at 6/8	6	8	0
Posts	Good Posts made of White oak timber 18/ pr Hundred	18	0	0
	and other posts in proportion			
Nails	Good Chesnut nails well Sharpd at 7/4 pr hundred	7	4	0
Shingles	Good Ceder or White pine Shingles at 13/4 pr Thousand	13	4	0
Staves	Good Staves made of White oak timber at 2/8 pr hund	2	8	0
For Boarding	Good White oak Timber Standing for Barrels at 1/ pr Hund.	1	0	0
	For Boarding a man at 4/4 a week	4	4	0
Men & horse keeping By Graft	and for Boarding a woman 2/8 pr week	2	8	0
	For keeping a yoke of oxen by Graft a night or 24 hours	0	10	0
	and a horse the same time by Graft at 8d.	0	8	0
Cyder	Cyder by the mug 2d 3q pr mug	0	2	3
Spirituous Liquors	For Retailing Spirituous Liquours as set forth in y act			
Merchandize	Merchandize to be sold in this Town as set forth in y act			
Pasturing	For keeping a Cow in Good pasture at 10d pr week	0	10	0
	For pasturing a horse 1/6 pr week	1	6	0
	and for pasturing other Creatures in proportion			
Tobacco	Good tobacco at 6d pr pound	0	6	0
Flaxseed	Good flaxseed and well Cleansed at 5/ pr Bushel	5	0	0
Cart	For a Cart a Journey at 1d 3q pr mile	0	1	3
Eggs	Eggs at 6d pr Dozen	0	6	0
Woolen Cloth	Good all wool Cloth Died a good Colour & of Good width 8/ pr yd	8	0	0
	& other all wool Cloth in proportion	1	4	0
Heels	Heels for womens Shoes Shoes pr Dozen			
Lasts	Lasts at 2/4 pr set	£1	4	0
	a sing[le] Last for a grown foot 8d	0	8	0
Cloth	Good 7/4 wide Tow Cloth 2/3 pr yd & other Cloth in proportion	2	3	0

David Forbush — Elisha Brigham — Hez[a] Taylor — Tim[o] Sherman } Committee of Graston

Joseph Batchelor — John Sherman — Benj[a] Goddard — Jon[a] Stow — } Select men for Graston

May 15. 1777 (318)

Worcester ss: To Mr Daniel Willard Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government and people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualified to act in the Choice of a Representative to meet & assemble at the Town's meeting-house in Sd Grafton on monday the nineteenth of May Instant at 2: of the Clock afternoon then and there to Elect one or more Good and Lawful men of said Town to Represent them at the Great & General Court to be holden at Boston on wednesday the 28th of this this instant may at nine of the Clock in the morning During their Session or Sessions: also if they see Cause to instruct those they may Elect according to an act of Court Bearing Date may 27th 1776

Jos. Batchellor
John Sherman
Benj. Goddard
Selectmen of Graft.

And also you are to warn & notify the Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualified to act in Town affairs to meet at said meeting house in Sd Grafton at 3: o'clock afternoon of the same Day to act as followeth. Viz

1 To Choose a moderator for said meeting
2 To abate the Rates assess'd on David Temple in the hands of Wm Brigham Late Constable
3 To accept Town Debts

And make Return of this warrants and your Doings thereon to one or more of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal this 15th Day of may 1777

Return

In obedience to this Warrant to me Directed I have warned all the Freeholders and other Notable Inhabitants of Grafton Duly Qualified to vote for a Representative & other Town officers & By Posting a Copy of the warrant upon Both meeting houses in Grafton

Joseph Batchellor
John Sherman
Benja Goddard
Asaph Sherman
Selectmen of Grafton

Daniel Willard Constable for Grafton

May 19. 1777 The Town of Grafton met according to warning & made Choice of Deacon Joseph Batchellor to Represent them at the Great and General Court.

Then The Town voted not to instruct our Representative agreeable to a Late Resolve of Court

Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Town being met Proceeded on the Second meeting as follows

1 By vote Chose Deacon Joseph Batchellor Moderator for this meeting

2 By vote abated David Temples Rates in the hands of William Brigham Late Constable

By vote accepted a bill Brought in by Jno Johnson £6-9-

By vote accepted Capt Aaron Kimballs account Brought in for summoning Jurors &c

Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the Town House

Attest Joseph Batchellor moderator

June 1777 (319)

Worcester ss To Mr. Philemon Stacy Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

you are hereby Required in the name of the Government and people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn and notify all the votable inhabitants of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on on monday the ninth Day of June Instant at 3: O: Clock afternoon then and there to act as followeth: Viz

1 To Choose a moderator for said meeting

2 To hear a Late act of Court intitled an act for securing this and the other united States against the Danger to which they are Expos'd By the internal Enemy thereof and to Choose a man for said purpose agreable to said act or act thereon as they shall see Cause

3 To abate the Rates assess'd on Samuel Stoddard in the hands of Eph'm Sherman Late Constable

4 To abate the minister Rate assess'd on John Daniels in the hands of Jon'a Stow Late Constable

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to one or more of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and seal this Seyond Day of June 1777

John Sherman
Benj'a Goddard
Jon'a Stow
Joseph Sherman
Selectmen of Grafton

Return

Worcester ss Persuant to ye within warrant I have notified and warned all the votable inhabitants of Grafton to meet and assemble at time and place for the purpose within Specified By posting a Copy of the warrant at Both the meeting-houses in Grafton according to the vote of the Town

Grafton June 9th 1777 Philemon Stacy Constable

June 9th 1777 The Town met agreable to warning & proceeded as followeth

1 By vote Chose Mr John Sherman Moderator for said meeting

2 By vote Chose Capt. Nath'l Sherman to serve agreable to the second article in the warrant

3 By a vote abated Samuel Stoddards Rates in the hands of Eph'm Sherman Late Constable

4 By a vote abated the minister rate assess'd on John Daniels in the hands of Jon'a Stow Late Constable

John Sherman moderator

Worcester ss To Mr. Dan'l Willard Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

you are Required in the name of the Government & People of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn and notify all the votable inhabitants of Grafton to meet & assemble at the Town meeting house on monday the 30th Day of this Instant June at 4 oClock afternoon then & there to act as followeth Viz

Turn over

1 To Choose a Moderator for Said meeting
2 For the Town to hear a List produced by the Selectmen of those men who are Esteamed Enemies to this & the united States and act thereon as they shall See Cause — —
3 For the Town to Supply any vacancy of Town officers if any
4 To See if the Town will Choose a Committee to put the Regulating act in force agreable to a Late act of Court or act thereon as they Shall See Cause — —

And make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereto to one or more of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal this 23d Day of June 1777

Joseph Batchellor
John Sherman
Benja Goddard
Jona Stower
Asaph Sherman
} Selectmen of Grafton

Return — — —

Worcester ss June 30th 1777

In obedience to the within warrant I have posted a Copy of on Both meeting houses according to the vote of the Town

Daniel Willard Constable

June 30th 1777

The Town of Grafton met agreable to warning and proceeded as fol
Viz 1 By vote Chose Mr John Sherman Moderator for Said meeting

art 4th voted to have five men for Sd Committee as mentiond in 4 Art
By vote Chose Capt Nathl Sherman & Asaph Sherman Willia-
Brigham Ephm Lyon & Moses Hayden for said Committee
Then by vote adjourned the Town meeting to monday the Seventh
Day of July 1777 at five o Clock afternoon — John Sherman Mod

Worcester ss To Mr Philemon Stacey Constable for the Town of Grafton Greet
You are hereby Required in the Name of the Government and people
of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn and notify all the Voters
Inhabitants of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town meting
house in Said Grafton on monday the Seventh Day of July next at 4 o'clock
afternoon then and there to act on the following articles Viz
1 To Chuse a moderator for Sd meeting
2 To hear a petition of Jona Wheeler Respecting the Town Restoring
him to his former Standing or act thereon as they Shall See Cause
3 To See if the Town will allow Stephen Prentice pay for Clearing
the Burying place and how much — —

And make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to one or more of us at or before the hour of meeting

John Sherman
Benja Goddard
Jona Stower
Asaph Sherman
} Selectmen of Grafton

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 30th Day of June AD 1777 — —

Worcester ss Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned all y^e votable inhabitants of Grafton to met & assemble at time & place for the purpose within Specified By Posting a Copy of this warrant at Both the meetinghouses in Grafton according to the vote of y^e Town

Grafton July 2. 1777 – – – Philemon Stacy Constable

July 7: 1777 The Town of Grafton met agreable to warning & proceeded

1 By vote Chose John Sherman Moderator for S^d meeting

2 Voted to accept Jon^a Wheelers Petition and Restore him to his former Standing agreable to the second article in the warrant

The above named petition mentioned in the second article in S^d warrant is as followeth Viz Whereas the Town of Late have voted me not friendly to this State Because I have refused to come before the Com^tee of Select men when sent for I Desire to Town to restore me to my former Standing if they See Cause Being Sensible that I have been faulty in not paying Regard to the Com^tee & to act upon it as they Shall think proper. Jon^a Wheeler

Grafton June 30 1777 –

3 By vote Granted to M^r Stephen Prentiss Eight Shillings for Clearing the Burying place the Last year – – –

John Sherman Moderator –

Worcester ss To M^r Daniel Willard Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government and people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn and notify all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town's Meeting-house in Said Grafton on Tuesday the nineth Day of Sep^t next at one of the Clock afternoon then and there to act on the following articles Viz

1 To Chose a moderator for said meeting

2 To See what Measures the Town will Come into to Settle with the Committee Chosen of Late to hire men into the Continental army or with any other persons who have the Towns money in their hands for the use of the war and for the Town to Dispose of the money if any there be as they Shall See Cause

3 To See if the Town will Send to Concord for Some war like Stores which are apportioned for the Town of Grafton

4 To See how the Town will Dispose of the Guns purchased of Late by the Select men and how the Select-men Shall be paid for S^d Guns

5 To accept Town Debts

6 To See how the Town will order the affair Respecting the Paying William Evens for Serving in y^e Continental army

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Joseph Rogers Morse Son of Nathan Morse and Elizabeth his wife Born October 20th 1772

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To the Selectmen of Grafton

Copy of a Letter

Gent: As this Town have Confer the honour on me of being there Clerk, but of a sense of Duty as therin as well as to the Oath I have taken I now Earnestly Request of you Gentlemen to Procure the remainder of the Town Record if any there be that they may be Exhibited in the Office where they Ought to be Otherwise as there is not on the Records in the Town Book now in the Office Shewing forth the Birth, & Death, in this Town for Eight or Ten years past, I must of Necessity Call on the Inhabitants some other ways or be found Neglecting my Duty which I Do not propose to be so far forth as I know it with all Due Respect I Remain yr &c

Nath'l Prentice Town Clerk

Grafton 27th Sept: 1773

Friday Oct 9th following the aforesd. Book was Delivered in to the Office

Lucy Stow Daughter of Jonathan Stow and Elizabeth his wife Born Nov.r 23d 1771 new book page 4

To the Select men of Grafton Gent

August 1773

I have Rec.d into my house one Sam.l Elliot & Dorothy his wife & two children & all belonging to them Sick & unable to help themselves & in very poor circumstances I am not acquainted therefor you must Look out

Nath.l Prentice

Eber Eagur Son of Jacob Eagur & Ruth his wife Born August 10th 1772
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N.B. the Reason of these Entrys was that the Book of Record of the Births in this Town was not Delivered in to my Office until October 9th 1773 Supposed through Obstinacy in the former Town Clerk. Doct.r Timothy Darling

Intention of Marriage 1773

Grafton March 28 1773

The Intention of marriage Between Levi Thurston and Percilla Wheelor Both of this Town Enter'd with me

Nath[l] Prentice Town Clerk

Grafton 3[d] April 1773

The Intention of marriage Between Nath[l] Ward and Hannah Batchelor Both of this Town Enter'd with me

Nath[l] Prentice Town Clerk

The Intentions of marriage Between Daniel Hayden and Submitt Flagg both of this Town Enter'd with me

Grafton May 7[th] ~~May~~ 1773

Nath[l] Prentice Town Clerk

The Intentions of marriage Between James Dexter and Rebecca Wheelor both of Grafton Enter'd with me

Grafton 23[d] May 1773

Nath[l] Prentice Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Between Jedathen Hay[ward] of Westborough & Persis Temple of Grafton Enter'd with me

Grafton 23[d] July 1773

Nath[l] Prentice Town[Clerk]

The Intention of marriage Between Jon[a] Wood of this Town & Sarah Bradish of Upton Enter'd with me this 3[d] October 1773

Nath[l] Prentice Town Clerk

Grafton 11[th] Decem[r] 1773

The Intentions of marriage Between Ezekiel Johnson of this Town & Rachel Merrifield of Holliston Enter'd with me

Nath[l] Prentice Town Clerk

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Grafton 13th Decr 1773

The Intentions of marriage between Saml Hiddin of Alstead in the Government of New Hampshire and Mehitable Maynard of this Town Entr with me

Nath Prentice T Clerk

The Intentions of marriage between John Axtell a Transient Person & Lucy Flegg of this Town Entr with me

Grafton 3d Jany 1774

Nath Prentice T. Clerk

The Intention of marriage between Peter Butler and Ruth Goodell Both of this Town Entr with me Jany 29th 1774

Nath Prentice Town Clerk

The Intentions of marriage between Nathan Flegg and Mercy New Both of this Town Entr with me Feb 12th 1774

Nath Prentice Town Clerk

The Intentions of marriage between Mr Hezekiah Taylor Jr of this Town & miss Sarah Frost of Mendon Entr with me Feb 24th 1774

Nath Prentice Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage between Benj Blanchard of Amherst & Thankfull Goodale of this Town Entr with me Feb 24 1774

Nath Prentice Town Clerk

The Intentions of marriage between Aaron Sherman and Sarah Thimbale Both of Grafton Entered with me this 12th Day March 1774

Nath Prentice Town Clerk

The Intentions of marriage between Nath Harvey of Shrewsbury & Ruth Wait of Grafton Entr with me April 16th 1774

Nath Prentice T. Clerk

The Intentions of marriage Between Solomon Rand & Sarah Adams both of this Town Entered with me 7th May 1774

Nath.l Prentice Town Clerk

The Intentions of marriage Between Phinehas Lealand & Sarah Winchester both of Grafton Entered with me 7th May 1774

Nath.l Prentice Town Clerk

The Intentions of marriage Between Timothy Chickery & Rhoda Wheelock both of Grafton Entered with me 14th May 1774

Nath.l Prentice Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Between Levi Leland & Phebe Barton both of Grafton Entered with me June 11th 1774

Nath.l Prentice Town Clerk

The Intentions of marriage Between Antipas Hevington of Grafton & Lebinah Brigham of Shrewsbury Entered with me June 26th 1774

Nath.l Prentice Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Between Dr Jim.s Darling and Abigail Le Land both of Grafton Entered with me July 28th 1774

Nath.l Prentice Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Between John Plumley of Alstead in the Colony of New Hampshire & Grafton & Susannah Clayton of Grafton Entered with me Augt 7th 1774

Nath.l Prentice Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Between Rev. Aaron Cosby of Oxhoughtbridge and Mrs Mary Taylor of Grafton Entered with me Aug. 6th 1774
Pr Nathl Prentice Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Between Caleb Chase & Tabitha Beamus both of Grafton Entered with me Sept 24th 1774.
Pr Nathl Prentice Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage between Timothy Merriam of Grafton & Sarah Putnam of Sutton, and also Between Andrew Adams Jun & Lucy Merriam both of Grafton Entered with me January 12th 1775
Pr Nathl Prentice Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Between Timothy Fletcher and Hannah Forbush both of Grafton Entered with me Feb: 11th 1775
Pr Nathl Prentice Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Between Nathl Cooper and the Notable Drury both of Grafton Entered with me Feb: 14th 1775
Pr Nathl Prentice Town Clerk

The intention of Marriage between Mr. Ebenr Phillips of this Town & Mrs Rachel Gale ~~wife~~ of Sutton was Entered with me March 7th 1775
Pr John Prentice Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage between Mr. Nahum Stone of Grafton & Mrs Hannah Haven of Framingham was Entered with me March 24th 1775
Pr John Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr Caleb Rice & Mrs Lucy Leland both of Grafton made known & Entered April 15th 1775 Pr John Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr. James Torry of Upton and Mrs Rhoda Lathe of Grafton made known & Entered June 9th 1775 P. J Prentice T. C

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr. Levi Rawson of Mendon & Mrs Thankful Warrin of Grafton Made known & Entered June 16th 1775 P. John Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr. Samll Waters of Sutton & mrs Prudence Winchester of Grafton made known & Entred June 17th 1775 P. John Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr. Elisha Aldridge & mrs Mary Hutchinson both of Grafton made known Augt 12th 1775 Jno Prentice T. Clk

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr Jeremiah Whipple of Sutton & Mrs Rebekah Brigham of Grafton made known & Entered October 7. 1775. P J. Prentice T. C

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr. Nahum Warrin & Mrs Elizabeth Brigham both of Grafton made known & Entered Novr 2. 1775

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr. Noah Brooks Kimball & Mrs Pessis Brigham both of this Town made known & Entered Novr 2. 1775
Jno Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr. Simeon Shepherd of Alstead in Hampshire Colony & Mrs Rachel Brooks of Grafton made known & Entered Novr 18. 1775
John Prentice Town Clerk

~~Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr Danl Bruce of Grafton & mrs Sarah Leith of Do same Entry made known Decr 8th 1775 P. John Prentice T. Clerk~~

Intention of marriage betwixt Mr Danl Bruce & Mrs Ruth Harvey both of Grafton made known & Entered Decr 8. 1775
P. John Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr Danl Duggan of Charlton & Mrs Sarah Leathy of Grafton made known & Entered Decr 8th 1775. P J. Prentice T. Clerk

Intention of Marriage betwixt The Revd Mr Danl Grosvenor of Grafton & Mrs Deborah Hall of Sutton made known & Entered Decr 15 1775
P. John Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr William Bruce & Mrs Mary Clayton both of this Town made known & Entered Decr 30th 1775 P. John Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr Shelomith Stow of Grafton and Mrs Elizabeth Kimball of Westborough made known & Entered Janr 9th 1776
P John Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage betwixt Mr Ebenezer Maynard of Westborough and Mrs Sarah Brigham of Grafton made known & Entered Decr 23d 1776
P. John Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage between Mr. Thomas Grigg of Sutton & Mrs Mary Goddard of Grafton Made known & Entered Novr. 24th 1776 Per. John Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage between Mr. Samuel Abbe of Chatham in the Colony of Connecticut & Mrs. Sarah Laland of Grafton made known & Entered March 12th 1776 Per. John Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Between Danl Whipple & Martha Adams Both of this Town made Known & Entered April 20th 1776 Per Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage between Joshua Willard of Grafton & Thebe Porter of Sutton made Known & Entered April 20th 1776 Per Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Between Eleazer Pratt Junr. of Westborough & Mary Druce of this Town made Known and Entered with me July 20th 1776 Per. Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Between Moses Sherman & Molly Hill both of this Town made known and Entered July 26th 1776 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Isaiah Fairbanks of this Town and Ruth Eager of Westborough made known & Entered Sept. 12th 1776 Benj Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Jabez Lathe of Grafton & Betty Hall of Sutton made known and Entered By me Sept 23d 1776 Benj Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of Marriage between John Laland of Grafton & Sulla Divine of Hopkinton made known and Entered By me Sept 23d 1776 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of Marriage Between Simon Willard & Hannah Willard Both of Grafton made known & Entered by me November 26th 1776 Benj Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage made known & Entered by me Between Solomon Brooks of this Town & Lois Brooks of Lincoln November 28 1776 Benj Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage between [illegible] of this Town Entered by me [illegible]

The intention of marriage Between Jonah Goulding of this Town and Grace Knowlton of Shrewsbury Entered with me February 6th 1777 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Between Johnº Lyon of this Town & Sallee Whitney of Shrewsbury made known & Enterd with me this Sixth Day of February 1777 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Elijah Stanton & Hannah Leland Both of this Town made known & Entered with me March 4th 1777 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Levi Leland and Anna How Both of this Town Made known & Enterd with me March 4th 1777 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of Marriage Between Eleazer Leland of Croydon and Elizabeth Sherman of this Town made known and Entered with me April 2d 1777 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Between Thomas Axtell junr and Debora Jones Both of this Town Made known and Entered with me this 16th Day of April 1777 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of marriage Betwixt Jonª Melvin of Conway & Ben Leland of this Town made known June 12: 1777 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of marriage Betwixt William Town of Royalston and Sarah Sherman of this Town made known and Entered August 14th 1777 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Jonª Robinson & Sarah Taylor Both of this Town made known And Entered Octo. 18th 1777 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Micajah Gay of Grafton and Susanna King of Bolton Made known & Entered at Grafton Decr 9th 1777 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Joseph Wood junr & Martha Willard Both of this Town Made known & Entered December 31. 1777 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Between James Wheeler and Cathe Biglow Both of this Town Enterd Jany 12: 1778 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Jonª Wheeler & Mary Rawson Both of this Town Entered with me January 28 1778 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Elijah Brown and Eunice Rice Both of this Town Entered with me Janr 28 1778 —
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Willm Walker & Lucy Sadler Both of this Town Entered Janr 28 1778 —
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Abraham Brown Jr. of Attlebo and Lucy Goulding of this Town Entered Feb 26th 1778 —
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Ebenr Leland and Molly Lyon Both of this Town Entered April 2: 1778
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Between Samd Leland of Grafton & Abigail Gale of Sutton Entered with me April 2. 1778
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Between David Forbush Jr & Deliverance Goodell Both of this Town Entered April 2 1778
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Simeon Hart & Susanna Warrin Both of Grafton Made known & Entered with me April the Secon 1778
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Lieut Philemon Stacey and Mrs Molly Fairbanks Both of this Town Entered May 22 1778 —
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Ebenr Lyon & Matilda Boon Both of this Town Entered with me this 26th 1778 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Henry Prentice & Anna Harrington Both of Grafton Entered with me March 3rd 1779 Benja Goddard Jr. Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Daniel Prentice of this Town & Abigail Hanby of Medford Entered With me March 23d 1779 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Ebenr Cutler & Abigail Whitney Both of this Town Entered with me Grafton April 16 1779 Benja Goddard Jr Clerk

Intention of Marriage Between Recd Joseph Farrer & Mrs Mary Brooks Both of this Town Entered Grafton May 19 1779
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Kenben Hoit of Newbraintree and Mrs Lucy How of Grafton Entered June 28: 1779 —
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Mr Artimas Hawson of Upton and Mrs Dorcas Batchelor of Grafton made known & Entered July 8th 1779

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Mr Nathan Twining & Mrs Sarah Clayton both of this Town Entered July 8th 1779
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Joel Brooks & Mary Hall Both of Grafton Entered August 20th 1779 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Between John Caryl & Eunice Willard Both of Grafton Entered with me August 30th 1779 Benja Goddard Jr Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Thomas Smith & Sarah Wheeler Both of Grafton Entered August 30th 1779 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Peter Thurston of Grafton & Elizabeth Holbrook of upton Entered with me October 23 1779
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Daniel Robins of Westborough & Martha Miller of Grafton Entered October 23. 1779 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Thaddeus Reed of Sunbridge & Hannah Taylor of Grafton Entered Jan.y 20th 1780
Benj.a Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt John Willard & Molly Howard Both of Grafton Entered Jan.y 28.th 1780 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Asa Day of Grafton and Mary Robins of Westborough Entered with me April 19th 1780
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt John Roberts & Tabitha Leland Both of Grafton Entered June 21 1780
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Jonathan Hall and Mary Kimball Both of Grafton Entered July 31 1780 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Zephaniah Lathe and Lucretia Child Both of Grafton Entered Sept. 7th 1780
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Between Deac.n Joseph Battelle of Grafton & Mrs Sarah Sutton of East Sudbury made known and Entered Sept. 7th 1780 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Enoch Forbush of Upton and Mary Battelle of Grafton Entered Sept. 7th 1780
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of Marriage Betwixt Cyrus French and Susanna Harrington both of Grafton Entered Nov.r 2.d 1780
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of Marriage Between Geo.e Leland of Grafton and Sarah Woody of Sutton Entered Nov.r 2.d 1780

Intention of Marriage Between Thos. Leland & Lydia Sherman both of Grafton Entered Nov.r 2.d 1780 and

The intention of Marriage Betwixt John Clayton and Sarah Draper both of Grafton Entered Nov.r 2.d 1780

Also the intention of Marriage Between Simon Wait & Mary Flagg both of Grafton Entered Nov.r 2.d 1780
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of marriage Betwixt Paul Warfield & Elizabeth Taylor Both of Grafton Entered Nov.r 28th 1780
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of marriage betwixt Nath.l Whitney of Grafton & Sarah Nurse of Westborough Entered with me Dec.r 8th 1780 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Between James Putnam and Elizabeth Willard Both of Grafton Entered Dec.r 7th 1780.
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Between Benja Roberts & Anna Rixford Both of Grafton Entered with me Novr 30th 1780
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Decr 8th 1780 Farther declaration of the intention of Marriage Between Benja Roberts & Anna Rixford as above was forbidden by said Anna Benja Goddard T. Clerk

The intention of Marriage Betwixt Wm Winter of Northbridge and Anna Chamberlain of this Town was Entered with me Febry 9th 1781 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of Marriage Betwixt Daniel Rockwood & Abigail Rockwood both of Grafton Entered Febry 13th 1781
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Benja White & Hadassah Esther Prentiss both of Grafton Entered Febry 26th 1781 B. Goddard Town Clk

The intention of Marriage Between Nathl Balch Dexter and Lucy Willard Both of Grafton Entered March 23d 1781
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of marriage Between Nathan Chamberlain of Grafton and Hannah Chamberlain of Hopkinton made known and Entered April 21 1781 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of Marriage Betwixt Benja Perham 3d of Upton and Azubah Sadler of Grafton made known the third day of May A.D. 1781
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of marriage Betwixt Elephalet Smith and Mariah Leland both of Grafton made known June 9th 1781
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Joshua Farnum & Lydia Drury both of Grafton made known & Entered with me June 11th 1781
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of marriage Betwixt Aaron Kimball Jr and Molly Goulding Both of Grafton made known & Entered July 2d 1781
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Peter Clark and Anna Truman Clark and Anna Brayman both of this Town made known August 21 1781 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Intention of Marriage Betwixt Comfort Chaffee and Lucy Hoit Both of Grafton made known & Entered August 16th 1781
Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Betwixt Christian Elleck & Meriam Flagg both of Grafton made known October 4th 1781
attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

For the Remainder See new Book Last page

7th. To see if the Town will petition to the General Court for a
Number of Guns for the use of the Town and howma
and to act thereon as they shall think proper
8th. To see if the Town will abate the Town & School Rate —
assess'd on Abel Wyson in the hands of Daniel Grout
Late Constable

Hereoff fail not and make Return of this warrant
with your Doings thereon to one or more of us at or
before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this —
Twenty-seventh Day of August A. D. 1777

Joseph Batchellor } Select
John Sherman } of Graf
Asaph Sherman }

Return
Worcester ss Grafton Sept. 9. 1777 — —
In obedience to this warrant I have warned the Notable
Inhabitants of Grafton to meet at time and place
By posting a Copy of this Warrant on Both meeting
houses according to the Resolve of s.d Town
D.d Dan.l Willard Constable

Sept. 9th 1777 —

The Town of Grafton met agreable to warning and proce
as followeth Viz —

1 By vote Chose Dea.n Joseph Batchellor Moderator for s.d meeti
2art. voted to have a Committe of three men to settle the aff
mentioned in the second article
By vote Chose Capt. Nath.l Sherman } for s.d
By vote Chose Hezekiah Taylor } Comm.tt.
By vote Chose Capt. Eph.m Lyon }

Then voted to send for the war like Stores apportioned fo
Grafton mentioned in the third article — —

Then Put to vote whether Town will order the Guns men
in the 4th article to be kept as a Town Stock pas.d in 4 Aug
Then By vote Adjourn.d for half an hour
Joseph Batchellor Mod

on adjournment the Town met and proceeded Viz —
By vote adjourned this meeting to monday the 22 Day of this in
Sept. at one of the Clock afternoon to this place
Joseph Batchellor moderato
Sept. 22. 1777 The Town met on adjournment and proceed
By vote Chose Jacob Whipple moderator — — —

Put to vote whether the Town will order the Selat men to Sell the Guns mentioned in the fourth article at a publick meeting to the highest bider with this Proviso that they oblige themselves not to have them Sold out of Town untill the present war is over Pass'd in the affirmative

Then voted to Petition to the General Court for a number of Guns as mentioned in the seventh article

By vote abated the Town & School Rate of Abel Wesson in the hands of Daniel Grout Late Constable

Then By vote adjourn'd this meeting to Tuesday the 30th of this instant Sept. at one of the Clock afternoon Jacob Whipple Moderator

Sept. 30th. 1777 The Town met on adjournment and proceeded

By vote Chose Eliakim Garfield Moderator

Then by vote adjourn'd this meeting to the third monday in october next at three of the Clock afternoon to this place

Eliakim Garfield Moderator

October 20th 1777 The Town met on adjournment & proceeded

By vote Chose Dean Joseph Batchellor Moderator

Put to vote whether the Town will Reconsider the vote pass'd on the 4th article for Selling Guns to the highest Bidder

Pass'd in the affirmative

Then the Town pass'd a vote to Leave it to the Selat men to Sell the Guns mention'd in the 4th article awording to their Discretion they Paying them Selves the Cost at a Reasonable Price

Joseph Batchellor Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Dan'l Willard Constable for the Town of Grafton — Greeting

You are hereby Required in the Name of the Government and People of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn and notify all the Votable Inhabitants of this Town to meet and assemble at the Towns Meeting house on monday the Twentieth Day of this Instant october at one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act as followeth Viz

To Choose a Moderator for Said meeting

To Grant money To Defray Town Charges for the present year

To Grant Money to Repair highways for the year Ensuing

For the Town to hear the Request of Elijah Hill and to act thereon as they Shall think Proper

To abate the Minister Rate assess'd on John Daniels in the hands of Sam'l Flagg Late Constable

To abate the Minister Rate assess'd on David Wadsworth in the hands of Sam'l Flagg Late Constable

To abate the Minister Rate assess'd on David Wadsworth in the hands of Jon'a Stow Late Constable

Turn over

8 To see how the Town will order the assessors Respecting Rating the Baptist to the Minister the present year

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to one or more of us at or before the hour of Meeting

Given under our hands and Seal this Sixth Day of October AD 1777

Joseph Batchellor
John Sherman
Benje Goddard
Jona Stow
Asaph Sherman
} Select m of Graft

Return

Worcester ss October 20 1777

In Compliance to this warrant I have warned all the Votable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time and pla with in Mentioned By Posting a Copy of this warrant on both meeting houses agreeable to a vote of the Town

Danl Willard Constable

October 20th 1777 The Town Being met agreable to warning

Art 1 By vote Chose Capt Nathl Sherman Moderator for said meet Then By vote adjourn'd this meeting to the 3d monday viz the Seventeenth Day of Novr next at 1 O'clock afternoon

Nathl Sherman Moderator

Novr 17. 1777

The Town Being met on adjournment proceeded viz

Art 2 By vote Granted £130 to Defray Town Charges the present yea

Art 3 By vote Granted £ 40 to Repair highways the year Ensuing

Art 4 By vote abated John Daniels Minister Rate in the hands of Saml Flagg Late Constable

Art 6 By voted abated David Wadsworths Minister Rate in the hands of Saml Flagg Late Constable

Art 7 By vote abated David Wadsworths Minister Rate in the hands of Jona Stow Late Constable

Art 8 Put to vote whither the Town Will order the assessors to omit Rating all those of the Baptists who Ever have produced Certificates Sept 4 1770 Nath Sherman Moderato

Worc ss To Mr Daniel Willard Constable for the Town of Graston greet

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government and people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn the votable Inhabitants of this Town to meet and assem at the Town's Meeting house in said Graston on Thursday

Sixth Day of this Instant Nov.r at 3. o Clock afternoon then and there to act as followeth Viz

To Choose a Moderator for Said meeting

To See if the Town will hear the Transactions of a Late Town meeting at Sutton Read Respecting a Late act of Court for Calling in this States money &c. and to Comply with them in their proposals at Said meeting if they See Cause

Here of fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal this fifth Day of Nov.r A.D. 1777

Joseph Batchellor
John Sherman
Benja Goddard
Jon.a Stow
Selectmen of Graston

Worcester ss Nov.r 6. 1777

In obedience to this warrant I have warned all the votable Inhabitants of this Town By Posting a Copy of the Same according to the vote of the Town

Dan.l Willard Constable

Nov.r 6. 1777 The Town of Graston met according to warning & proceeded

1 By vote Chose Capt. Nath.l Sherman moderator for Said meeting

2 Voted to Choose a Committee of 3 men to meet Sutton Selectmen agreable to the warrant

By vote Chose Lt. Asaph Sherman } Com.tte
By vote Chose Perly Batchellor } Com.tte
By vote Chose Benja Goddard } Com.tte

Then By vote adjourned this meeting to the third monday in Nov.r Instant at three o. Clock afternoon to this place for the above Com.tte Committee to make Report from Sutton Nath.l Sherman Mod.r

Nov.r 17. 1777 The Town met on adjournment

after hearing the afore Com.tte Report from Sutton

Put to vote whether the Town will accept there of Past in y.e affirmative

Nath.l Sherman Moderator

Then the Town ordered the Committe afores.d to Sign the Petition Drawn By Sutton Convention to be Sent to the General Court which the Town accepted of in Behalf of the Town

Test Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Worcester ss To Mr. Daniel Willard Constable for the Town of Graston greeting

You are hereby Required in the Name of the Government and People of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn all the votable Inhabitants of this Town to assemble at the Town Meeting-house in Said Graston on monday the 17th Day of this Instant Nov.r at 4. o Clock afternoon then & there to act as followeth Viz

To Choose a Moderator for Said meeting

For the Town to Hear a Late act of Court for making Provision for the families of the non Commissioned officers and private Soldiers who have Engaged in the Continental army and to Conform to the Directions in Said act

Turn over

And make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting — — —

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Sixth Day of November Ano. Dom. 1777 —

Jos. Batchellor
John Sherman
Benja Goddard
Jona Stow
Asaph Sherman
} Select m of Graft

Return — — — — — —

Worcester ss Grafton Novr 17: 1777 —

In Obediance to this warrant I have warned the votable Inhabitants of this Town to met at time and place according to your order By Posting a Copy of the Same - Dani Willard Con

Novr 17. 1777 The Town of Grafton met agreable to warning

1 By vote Chose Benja Garfield Moderator for Said meeting
2 Then voted to Choose three men for a Committee to Provide for the families of those who have Engaged in the Continental a agreable to a Late act of Court
By vote Chose Benja Garfield Lt Joseph Brown & Capt Eph. Lyo for Said Committee — Benja Garfield Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Dani Willard Constable for the Town of Graftan you are hereby Required in y name of the Government & peop of the State of Massachusetts-Bay to warn all the votable in habitants of this Town to meet & assemble at the Towns me ing-house in D. Grafton on monday y 15th Day of Decmber Instand at one O: Clock afternoon then & there to act as fallow

1 To Choose a Moderator for Said meeting
2 To hear a petition of the assessors Respecting the manner of taking the Invoice for the present Assessment and to act the on as they Shall then think proppar
3 To See if the Town will order the assessors to omit Rating Mr Joseph Brown & Capt Nicholas Power to the Minister
4 To See what the Town will order to be Done with the Gun-lo Lead & flints Lately Brot from Concord to this Town and how they will pay for them.

And make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Sixth Da of Decmr AD. 1777. —

John Sherman
Benja Goddard
Jona Stow —
Asaph Sherman
} Selec mer o Graft

Worcr ss Grafton Decr 12. 1777
Persuant to this warrant I have notified the Inhabidants of this Town to assemble at time & place according to your order
Dani Willard Constable

Dec. 15: 1777 The Town of Grafton met agreable to warning & pro
1 By vote Chose Mr. John Sherman Mod. for said meting
Then after Reading the petition mentioned in the second article
2 Put to vote whether the Town will order the assessors to Go to Every
House in Town to take a List of Each mans Poll Real & personal
Estate according to the Direction in the present State Tax-Bill
in order for the present assessment Pass. in the affirmative
3 Put to vote Whether the Town will order the assessors to omit Ratin
Mr Joseph Brown to the minister Pass. in the affirmative
4 By vote ordered the Selut-men to sell the Gun-locks mention
in the 4th artile to those they thought propper and the flints Shal
be Equally Divided amongst those of the Training-Band & the Lead
Dealt out to Each man a pound John Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Philemon Stacy Constable for the Town
of Grafton — — — — — — — — — — Greeting

You are hireby Required in the name of the Government
and People of the State of Massachusetts-Bay to warn all
the votable Inhabitants of this Town to meet & assemble
at the Town meeting-house in S. Grafton on monday the
12th Day of this Instant January at one O: Clock afternoon
Then & there to act as followeth Viz

1 To Choose a moderator for S. Meeting
2 To See if the Town will Comply with the Late act of Court
for raising or paying in their part of the Loan money
or any part thereoff
3 To See if the Town will abate the Minister-rate assest on
David Wadsworth in the hands of Philemon Stacy Late Constable
4 To See if the Town will abate the Minister-rate assest on John
Daniels in ye hands of Philemon Stacy Late Constable
5 To See if the Town will allow the Committee Chosen of Late
to hire men into the Continental army pay for money in their
hands Supposed to be Counterfeit
6 To See if the Town will Dismiss Capt. Ephm Lyon from being
a Committee man for taking Care of the families of the Continental
Soldiers and to Choose another in his Room
And make Return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon to
some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton
this 5th Day of January A.D. 1778

Selut-men of Grafton
Jos. Batchelor
John Sherman
Benj. Goddard
Jon. Eaton
Asaph Sherman

Turn over

January 1778 - - - - (340)

Worcesr ss Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified and Warned all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to mee and assemble at time and place for the purpose within specified - Grafton Janry 12. 1778. Philimon Stacy Constable

January 12. 1778 The Town of Grafton met pursuent to the Warrant and proceeded as followeth

1 By vote Chos Asaph Sherman Moderator for sd meeting
2 Put to vote whether the Town will pay any part of the Loan mony refered to in the second article Pass. in the affirmative - - -

Then By vote adjournd the meeting to monday the 19th of this month at one of the Clock after noon - Asaph Sherman Moderator

January 19. 1778 The Town met on adjournment & proceed viz
3 By vote abated David Wadsworths minister rate in the hands of Philimon Stacy Late Constable
4 By vote abated John Daniels Minister rate in the hands of Phil Stacy Late Constable
5 Put to vote whether the Town will allow & Com. Chosen to hire men into the Continental army pay for the money p- in their hands suppos. to be Counterfeit Pass in the affirmative
6 By vote Dismis Capt E Lyon from Being a Committeeman as set forth in the warrant and Chos Capt Moses Harrington in his room

Then reconsidered the vote pass on the secon article for paying in part of the Loan mony Asaph Sherman Moderator

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Worcr ss To Mr Daniel Willard Constable for the Town of Grafton - - - - - - - - - - Greeting

You are hereby Required in the Name of the Government and people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to Notify all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to meet and assemble at the Town Meeting-house in sd Grafton on monday the Nineteenth Day of this Instant January at three of the Clock afternoon then and there to act as followeth Viz

1 To Choose a moderator for said meeting
2 To hear the articles of Confederation &c put out by the Continental Congress and to act thereon as they shall see Cause
3 To see if the Town will order the present assessors to omit rating Jams Leland & Isaac Warrin to the Town agreable to a Late act of court for Calling in this State money

And make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands at Grafton this thirteenth Day of January Anno Domi 1778

Joshua Sherman
Benjn Goddard
Jona Atwood
} Selectmen of Grafton

January 1778 (341)

Return of the warrant

Worcester ss Jan.y 17. 1778

By virtue of this warrant I have notified all the votable Inhabitants of this Town to met at time and plaw awording to your order by posting the Contents there of Pd Daniel Willard Constable

January 19 1778 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to the Warrant and proceded as fallows Viz

By vote Chose John Sherman Moderator for d.e meting

After heading the Confederation & Chose a Comtt of Seven men to take sd Confederation into Consideration and make report to the Town of their Doings on the adjournment of this meting Viz Capt Nath.l Sherman Joseph Brown Capt Nic.k Power Capt Luther Drury Benja Garfild Perley Batchellor & Lt Philemon Stacy for the above said Committee

Then By vote adjourn.d this meting to friday next at 2 O Clock afternoon

John Sherman Moderator

Jan.y 23.d 1778 The Town met on adjournment and proceded Viz after heading the report of the above.d Committee which is that the Town Instruct their Representative to Give his assent to the thirteen articles of Confederation of Congress of the united States Put to vote whether the Town will accept of sd report pass.d in the affirmative

John Sherman Moderator

Worc.r ss To the Constables of the Town of Grafton or Either of them Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government & People of the State of massachusetts-Bay to warn all the votable Inhabitants of this Town to assemble at the Towns Meeting-house in sd Grafton on monday the second Day of March Next at Eight of the Clock in y.e morning then and there to act on the fallowing articles Viz.t

1 To Choose a moderator for d.e meeting

2 To Choose Town officers for the Current year

3 To accept Town Debts

4 To Direct how to provide for Schooling for the Town the Current year

5 To see if the Town will Suffer the Swine to run at Large the Current year

6 To hear & Consider the report of the Town Treasurer

7 To see what the Town will allow a Day for man and for oxen & for Cart to work at high-ways the Enfuing year

8 To see if the Town will Do any thing Towards Supporting the Continental Soldiers of this Town & act thereon as they shall think proper

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9 To See if The Town will allow those Squadrons who ha
not had their part of Schooling kept the year past to
Draw their part of the money to Lay out for Schooling here

And make return of this warrant with your Doings (
thereon to one or more of us at or before the Hour of Me
given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Twelve
Day of Febr A.D. 1778. ——— John Sherman } Select-me
Benja Goddard
Jona Stow } of Grafto
Worcs. Grafton March 2. 1778 ——— Asaph Sherman
In Compliance of this Warrant I have
Posted a Copy thereof according to Law
Pr Dan. Willard Constable.

March 2d 1778 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to
warning and Proceeded as followeth Viz. ———

1 By vote Chose Perley Batchellor Moderator for s.d meeting
2 After reading the Law voted to have five Select men for y.e ensuing year
By vote Chose Benja Goddard
By vote Chose Wm. Brigham
By vote Chose Elisha Brigham } Select-men
By vote Chose Capt. Eph.a Lyon
By vote Chose Perley Batchellor

By vote Chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk. ———
By vote Chose Jos. Meriam Jr. Town Treasurer sworne
Then By vote adjourn.d for one hour to the Meeting-house
Perley Batchellor Mod.r ———
On adjournment the Town met & proceeded as followeth viz
voted to have five men for a Comtt. of Correspond.r &c ——
By vote Chose Lt Daniel Grout
Nath.l Ward
Elakim Garfield } for s.d
Lt James Whipple } Committee
Capt Moses Harrington

Then voted to have 3 assessors the present year
By vote Chose Jos. Meriam Jr
Benja Garfield } assessors sworn
Lt Jona Stow

Article 8. Put to vote whether there Shall be a comm.tee Chose
to Collect articles & money for the Continental Soldiers
which went for this Town ! ——— Past in y.e affirmative
Then voted to have seven for said Committe viz ——
By vote Chose David Forbush Capt Luke Drury Henry Brig
Lt Moses Hayden Benja Garfield Capt Aaron Kimball & D.r
Jnº Darling for s.d Committe

March 1778

Then By vote adjourned this meeting to thursday next at 12 Clock at noon to this place — Perley Batchellor Moderator

March 6th 1778 The Town met on adjournment & proceeded viz

voted to have two Constables the present year viz Seth Miller & Lt Joseph Sherman } Constables

voted to have 7 surveyors of highways this year

By vote Chose Capt Jos. Warrin, Lt Phil. Stacy, Col. Jno. Goulding, Noah B. Kimball, Moses Holbrook, Jno. Mirriam, Lt James Whipple } surveyors

Then passd a vote that the highway Surveyors shall be Collectors of the high-way rate this year —

voted to have 7 Tything men this present year viz Noah Vilas, Phil. Stacy, Jacob Whipple } Tything men

voted to have 6 Hogriffs

By vote Chose Elijah Brewer, Jon. Wheeler, Jona. Robinson, Ebenr Leland, Solo Brooks, Isaiah Fairbanks } Hogriffs

voted to have 2 fine wards viz Solo Goodell, Ebenr Cutler Jr. } fine wards

voted to have 3 fine viewers viz John Sherman, Capt Moses Farrington, & Henry Prentice } fine viewers

By vote Chose Lt Jos Whipple Leather Sealer

By vote Chose Saml Prentice Sealer of hoops

voted to have 5 men for a School Committ the Currant year

By vote Chose John Whipple Danl Hayden Nahum Stone Lt Jos. Brewer & Solo Brooks for sd Committe

Then voted to have the Swine run at Large the present year

Then passd a vote to Give 6/ pr Day for man to work at highways from 1st first of April to 1st Last of Sept & 3/ pr Day for oxen & 1/6 pr Day for Cart to work at highways the same Term of time the Year Ensuing

Then voted to accept of Isaiah Fairbanks to serve Constable in the room of Seth Miller

Proceeded to accept Town Debts —

By vote allowed the Select-men for keeping Hannah Philips eight weeks at 6/ pr week — £2-8-0

By vote allowd Jos. Meriam for keeping the Treasury — 1-4-0

By vote allowed Capt Saml Sherman for a Journey to Providence 1-4-0

By vote allowd Capt Ephr Lyon for taking the Invoice and making rate Twelve Days Service — 2-8-0

By vote allowed Perley Batchellor for boarding & nursing Hannah Philips Twelve Days — 0-12-0

By vote allowed Henry Prentice for a Journey Below Grave Ground 2-0-0

By vote allowed Elijah Brewer for taking Care of the Meeting house 10-0

By vote allowed John Sherman for his Horse to Tuckerburg — 0-7-0

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By vote accepted of a bill Brot in by Jacob Whipple for Boarding Hannah Philips — £ 10-12-6

By vote allowed Benja Goddard for Going to Sutsbury with Dan.l Bruce to Dr Ketridge — 2-10-4

By vote allowed Benja Goddard for taking the Invoice & for making rates — 2-16-

By vote allowed Wm Brigham for taking the Invoice and for making Rates — 2-0-0

By vote allowed John Maynard for Boarding Hannah Philips — 5-0-0

By vote allow.d Henry Prentice for sweeping & mending the Meeting-house & for a Journey to Leicester 30/ — 1-10-0

Then By vote accepted of the Report of the Treasurer which is as fallowth Viz The Town of Gratton are inform.d that upon Examining the Stat of the Treasury we find there hath Been paid out the 1st part in the manner fallowing Viz

To the Com.tte for hiring Continental Soldiers — £134-0-8

Which was Lodged in the Treasury as fine money

To the Rev.d Dan.l Grosvenor for part of the 2.d and Whole of the 3.d year Salery — 83-6-8

To the Discharge of Debts accepted by the Town and rates abated — 64-6-11

For the remaining notes that were Given as abinsto the Soldiers — 78-11-8

To Mr Jon.a Stow by order of y.e Select-men — 40-0-0

Which Being addid together make the sum of — 400-5-11

Which Being taken from £474-12-8-1 Which is what was found in the Treasury the Last year Exclusive of Highway arrears there now remains £74-6-9 Which together with the Last Grant that is ordered in & 16-8. that was paid in by Mr Moses Holbrook there is now in the Treasury — 271-16-9

Exclusive of Highway arrearages Which are the same as Last year

Feb.y 28: 1778 Errors Excepted

John Sherman, Benj.a Goddard, Jon.a Stow — Select.n of Gratton

Jon.a Meriam Town Treasurer

after y.e Com.tt Chosen on the 8.th article reported what they had Collected for the Continental Soldiers Pass a vote that y.e Com.tt shall apprize the above articles

Then pass.d a vote to Leave it with the above Com.tte to apportion & Divide the above articles for the Soldiers according to their Dis

Put to vote Whether the above articles of money then Collected for the Soldiers shall be a Town Cost pass.d in the affirmative

Then Put to vote Whether those Squadrons who have not had their part of Schoolin shall Draw their part of y.e money to be Laid out for Schooling hereafter Pass.d in the affirmative (2.d year part)

Then adjourn.d to the 9.th of March Instant at one o Clock afternoon

Perley Balcheller Moderator

March 1778 (345)

March 9. 1778 the Town met on adjournment and adjourn'd to 4 O Clock the same Day
Perley Batchellor Moderator

The Town met on adjournment again and proceeded Viz
By vote agreed to Give Mr Timo Fletcher £44: 10: 2 to Carry the articles for the Soldiers in the army which are Collected for that use & mention'd
Pass'd a vote to Give Mr Noah Vilat 6/ p Day for keeping School the year 1777 and one pound one shilling p Week for his Board
Also the same Sum for the other School-master the same year
Then By vote adjourned this meeting to the 3. monday in may next at one o Clock after noon
Perley Batchellor Moderator
on adjournment See the same page at the bottom

Worcs To Mr Isaiah Fairbank Constable for Grafton Greeting
You are required in the name of the Government & People of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the Town meeting house in s Grafton on monday the 9th Day of March Instant at 3 O Clock afternoon then & there to act as followeth Viz
To Choose a Moderator for said meeting
To See if the Town will Choose a Comm. to settle the price with those men who have kept School the year past in this Town or act thereon as they shall think proper
To See what the Town will order to be Done with the old Surveyor Bills Two years Behind now in their hands
And make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting
Given under our hands at Grafton this 4th Day of march 1778
Benj Goddard
Wm Brigham
Elisha Brigham Esqr
Selectmen of Grafton
Perley Batchellor

Return
Worcs Grafton March 9th 1778
In obedience to this warrant I have warned the votable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time & place according to your order By Posting a Copy of the same
Isaiah Fairbank Constable

March 9th 1778 The Town of Grafton Met Pursuant to warning proceeded as followeth Viz
By vote Chose Elisha Brigham Moderator for s meeting
Pass'd By the 2d article
3. Put to vote whether the Town Shall order y Selectmen to manage the Last year & the year before Last Surveyors Bills as was Managed in y year 1776 Pass'd in the affirmative
Elisha Brigham Moderator

May 18 1778 the Town of Grafton met on adjournment of the March meeting and by vote Chose Moses Cutler fence viewer in Henry Prentices room
Perley Batchellor Moderator

Town officers Sworn see page 350

Worcester ss To Mr Asaph Sherman Constable for the Town of Grafton Gr

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government and people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn all the Male Inhabitants of Grafton Being Incert Twenty one years of age to assemble at s Town meeting house in s Grafton on monday ye 13 Day of April Instant at one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act as follows Viz

1 To Choose a Moderator for s meeting.
2 For the Town to hear the Constitution or form of Government of the State of Massachusetts Bay read and to approve or Disapprove thereof
3 To See if the Town will allow ye present Constables to warn the Town meetings for the year Ensuing By Voting or act thereon as they Shall think proper
4 To accept Town Debts
5 To hear ye Report of a Committee Chosen of Late to Collect money & Cloathing for the Continental Soldiers and act thereon as they shall think proper
6 For the Town to hear a resolve of Court for providing Cloathing for the Continental Soldiers and to act thereon as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Second Day of April A D 1770

Elisha Brigham } Select
Benja Goddard } men
Wm Brigham } of
Eph Lyon } Grafton

Perley Batchellor

Grafton April 13 1770 Pursuant to the within warrant I have Notified all the male Inhabitants of Twenty one years of age of Time and place of s meeting Asaph Sherman Constable

April 13 1770 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as followeth Viz

1 By voti Chose Lieut Asaph Sherman Moderator for s meeting
2 After reading the Constitution & form of Government voted to have a Committee Chosen to take the same into Consideration Then voted to have Seven for said Committee

By voti Chose Col John Goulding
By voti Chose Capt Luke Drury
By voti Chose Benja Garfield
By voti Chose Perley Batchellor
By voti Chose Benja Goddard
By voti Chose Asaph Sherman
By voti Chose Joseph Brown

} for s Committee

3 Put to voti whether the Town will Leave it with the Select-men to order the Constables for the present year when to warn the Town meetings By Riding and when by Posting Pass in ye affirmative

4 Proceeded to accept Town Debts
By voti accepted of a bill Brot in by Dr Timo Harding for Doctoring Sundry Poor person, Sum Total - - - - - £ 5-1-0..0
By voti accepted of Noah Vilas's account for keeping School 5 weeks and Boarding the same Time - - - 13..10 - - -

After reading the report of the Committee mentioned in the fifth article
Put to vote whether the Town will accept thereof pass. in ye affirmative
which report is as fallow viz
The fallowing is a List of Cloathing &c Collected by the Comtt. for the relief of the
Soldiers of the Town of Grafton in the Continental army and the prices
Annexed to Each article

	Joseph Willard 1 pair of Breeches	£2-2-0
	Danl. Grout 1 waistcoat	2-2-0
	Capt Aaron Kimball 1 Shirt	1--
	Capt Aaron Kimball 1 pr Stockings	9-0
	Colo. Jno Goulding 1 pr Do	10-0
	Capt Noah Brooks 1 pr Do	10-0
	Jos. Bellows 1 pair Do	10-0
	Benja Goddard Do	18-0
	Colo Goulding do	1-14-0
	Benja Goddard 1 pr Do	1-16-0
	Tho: Astell & Jno: Temple & Isaiah Fairbanks 1 pr of Shoes	1-16-0
	Simon & Aaron Willard 1 pr of Shoes	1-10-0
	Abner Stow Jr 1 pr Do	1-16-0
	Ebenr Wheeler & John Thurston 1 pr do	1-16-0
	Abner Stow 1 pr of Stockings	1-4-0
	Abner Stow 1 pr of Do	1-7-0
	Jona Stow 1 Shirt	1-8-0
	Dan: Hayden 1 do	1-10-0
	Ezek: Brigham 1 pr Shoes	1-13-0
	Asaph Sherman 1 pair of Do	1-13-0
	Asaph Sherman 1 Shirt	1-18-0
	Ezra Lathe 1 Waistcoat	12-0
	Wm Holbrook 1 Shirt	1-10-0
	Elisha Brigham 1 do	1-10-0
	Elisha Brigham 1 pr of Stockings	13-6
	Simon Wait 1 pr Do	10-0
	Ezekiel Brigham 1 pr Do	18-0
	Andrew Adams 1 Shirt	1-4-0
	Timo. Meriam 1 Do	18-0
	Andrew Adams 1 do	1-4-0
	Jos. Meriam 1 do	1-12-0
	Jos Meriam jr 1 do	1-12-0
	Silas Warrin 1 Do	1-1-0
	Jos Meriam jr 1 pr Stockins	1-8-0
	Amos Davis 1 pair of Do	1-4-0
	Jos Meriam 1 pr Do	16-0
	Danl. Warren 1 pr do	18-0
	Mary Hall 1 pr Do	15-0
	Benja Rockwood 1 pr do	12-0
	Timo Meriam 1 pr Do	10-0
	Benja Rockwood 1 pr of Stockings	10-0
	Seth Miller 1 pr of do	18-0
	Moses Hayden 1 pr do	1-4-0
	Shelc Stow 1 pr do	12-0
	Samc Flagg 1 pr of Shoes	1-16-0
Capt	Ephr Lyon 1 pr of Shoes	1-16-0
	Nathl Ward 1 pr of Do & one pair of Stockins	1-5-0
	Levi Leland 1 Shirt	1-15-0
	Moses Holbrook 1 do	1-4-0
		£62-19-6

	Sum brought up	£62-19-6
	James Whipple 1 Shirt	1-10-
	Jason Harrington 1 do	10-
	Ebenr Cutler 1 pr Stockings	1-4-
	Epr Sherman 1 pr Do	1-2-
	Jacob Whipple 1 pr do	1-4-
	David Sherman 1 pr do	1-2-
	Moses Sherman 1 pr do	1-4-
	Moses Holbrook 1 pr do	10-
	Benja Leland 1 pr do	1-4-
	Benja Garfield 1 pr do	18-
	Jonn. Wheeler 1 Waistcoat	1-10-
	Jos Whipple 1 pr Shoes	1-16-
	Wm Ruth Butler 1 pr do	1-10-
	Benja Garfield 1 pr do	1-16-
	James Putnam 1 pr Stockings	10-
	Ebenr Cutler 1 pr do	1-2-
	Eliakim Garfield 1 Shirt	1-12-
Capt	Luke Drury 1 do	1-10
	Jno Sherman 1 do	1-10-
	Timo Sherman 1 pr Stockins	19-
	Wm Brigham 1 pr Do	1--
	Jno Maynard 1 pr do	18-0
	Noah B. Kimball 1 pr do	18-
	Nahum Stone 1 pr do	1-5-
	Wm Brigham 1 Flannel Waistcoat	1-4-0
	Jno Millings 1 pr Breeches	12-
	Charles Brigham & Gr 1 Waistcoat	1-18-
	Zadok Putnam 1 do	1-18-
	Elijah Drury 1 do	1-18-
	Philr Stacy 1 do	1-18-
	Joel Brooks 1 do	1-10-
Capt	Luke Drury 1 pr Breeches	2-12-
	Timo Johnston 1 pr do	1-6-
	George Smith 1 pr do	1-6-
	Joel Brooks 1 pr Shoes	1-16-
	Samc Warrin 1 pr do	1-16-
	Aaron Sherman 1 pr do	1-16-
Capt	Luke Drury 1 pr do	1-16-
Capt	Nehe Power 1 pr Stocking	15-
Capt	Nehe Power 1 pr Breeches	1-10-
	Jos. Brown 1 Shirt	1-12-
Capt	Nehe Power 1 do	1-12-
Capt	Jos Brown 1 pr Breeches	1-10-
	Jos Brown 1 Waistcoat	2-5-
	Jos Gerry Junr 1 pr of Stockin	18-
	Jos Gerry 1 pr do	15
	Perley Batchiller 1 pr do	1-7-
	Wm Gary 1 pr do	1-7-
	Phinr Leland 1 pr do	18
	Moses Harrington 1 pr Shoes	1-16-
Capt	Perley Batchiller 1 pr do	1-16-
	Henry Prentice 1 pr do	1-16-
	Jos Brown 1 pr Do	1-16
	Timo Fletcher 1 pr do	1-16-
	Jona Pierce 1 pr do	1-13-
	Henry Prentice 1 Waistco	1-4-
	Thor Bicknell 1 pr Stockins	1-8-
	David Forbush 1 Waistcoat	1-18-
	David Forbush 1 pr Shoes	1-16
Capt	Nathl Sherman 1 pr Stockins	1-10-
	Sum Total of ye Whole of ye Cloathing	£147-15-6

Turn over

April 1778 - - -

May 1778 (349)

Worcester ss To Mr Asaph Sherman Constable for ye Town of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Government and People
of the State of Massachusetts-Bay to notify all the votable Inhabit-
ants of Grafton to assemble at the Town meeting house on monday
the Eleventh Day of May Instant at Twelve o Clock at noon there and
there to act as followeth Viz

1 To Choose a moderator for sd meeting
2 To See what method the Town will take to raise the Continental men
for nine months agreable to a Late order of Court

And make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to
some one of us at or before the hour of meeting
Given under our hands at Grafton this Seventh Day of may A.D. 1778

Elisha Brigham
Benja Goddard
Wm Brigham
Perley Batchellor
} Select men of Grafton

The Constables Return
Grafton may 11th 1778
Agreable to ye within warrant I have notified all the votable Inhabitants
by Posting a Copy of sd warrant Asaph Sherman Constable

May 11th 1778 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and
proceeded as followeth viz

1 By voit Chose John Sherman moderator for sd meeting
after reading the order of Court for raising Continental Soldiers
Put to voit whether the Town will raise sd Soldiers at the Cost of the Town
pasd in the affirmative
Then pasd a voit to Choose five men for a Committee to hire sd men
By voit Chose Capt Eph Lyon
Capt Jon. Warren
Jr Jon. Wood
John Thurston
Phin. Leland
} for sd Committee

Then by voit adjournd to 6 O Clock -- John Sherman Moderator
On adjournment the Town met & proceeded as follows --- viz
Put to voit whether the Town will Leave it with ye above Committee how to
agree with the Soldiers they shall hire into the Continental army pasd in the affir.
Then pasd a voit for the Town to order the Treasurer of sd Town to Give his note
or notes to the Soldiers now raising for the Continental army for as much
money as the above Committee agree with the Soldiers for
Then pasd a voit to order the Committee to hire what money is wanting to make
up the Sum agreed to Exclusive of what the Treasurer pays sd Soldiers
Then adjournd this meeting to the 12th of this Instant may at one o Clock afternoon

John Sherman Moderator

On adjournment the Town met and by voit ordered the Treasurer to Give their
notes to the Continental Soldiers on account of Term of Time as the Committee
shall order only said money shall be had at the Treasury

John Sherman Moderator

May 18 1778 The Town met on adjournment of the meeting for hea
ing form of Government &c and adjourn'd to six o Clock after
then met again on adjournment & put to vote whether the Town w
approve of s^d Constitution and form of Government past in y^e Gene
one man for accepting them & 66 against it
Then accepted of a bill brought in by the Committee for supplying t
families of the Continental Soldiers with Provision Sum Total —— £85-15-11.
the above account Sign^d By Benj^a Garfield Jos. Brown & Moses Harrington Co
Asaph Sherman Moderator

The Town officers for the year 1778 hereafter named sworn to y^e respective p
Jos Meriam Jn^r sworn as Treasurer Isaiah Fairbanks Elijah Bruce Jon^a Wh
Col^o Brooks & Eben^r Leland sworn Hogreefs —— Asaph Sherman & Isa
Fairbanks sworn as Constables & Collecters Jos Meriam Jn^r Benja Garfield
& John Thurston assessors sworn Col^o Goddell as fireward sworn Cap^t Jos
Warren & Phil^r Stacy Col^o John Goulding Noah B. Himball Moses Wood
Tim^o Meriam & Capt James Whipple Surveyors & Collecters sworn & Col^o
Jn^o Goulding sworn to the Surveyors office Jacob Whipple Fyfhingman

Worc^r ss To M^r Isaiah Fairbanks Constable for Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Government & people
the State of Massachusetts-Bay to Notify all the volable Inhabito
of this Town to assemble at the Town meeting-house in s^d Graf
on monday the Eighteenth day of this Instant May at one of y^e Clo
after noon then & there to act as follows Viz^t
1 To Choose a moderator for said meeting
2 To See if the Town will Grant or raise money to supply the
present want of the Treasury or act thereon as they shall
think proper
3 For the Town to hear Joseph Browns Request respecting Bein
Rated for such part of his Estate as hath been Taxed in the
State of Rhode-Island since Last November and act thereon as th
shall think proper
Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your Do
thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting —

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 4th day of May 177
Elisha Brigham
Benja Goddard
Wm Brigham
Esq^r Lyon
Darby Batchiller
} Select-men
of Gra

Worc^r ss Grafton May 18 1778 In obedience to this warrant
I have warned the voteable inhabitants of this
Town to meet at time & place according to
your order by Posting up a notification at both
meeting-houses in s^d Town
Isaiah Fairbanks Constable

May 1778

The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceed as followeth viz

art 1 By vote Chos. Asaph Sherman Moderator for said meeting

art 2 By vote Granted £1100 to Defray Town Charges

Then pass. a vote to order the Town Treasurer to hire money to pay Town Chas as much as is wanted

art 3 Put to vote whether Joseph Brown & Capt Nicho. Power shall have their Tax which hath Been assess. on their Trading Stock be abated Pass. in the Negative

Asaph Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr. Isaiah Fairbanks Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government and People of the State of Massachusetts-Bay to notify all the Votable Inhabitants of Grafton Qualified to vote for Representative to assemble at the Town Meeting-house in said Grafton on monday the Eighteenth of May Instant at 4: O Clock after-noon then & there to Elect one or more Good and Lawful man to Serve for & Represent said Town in the Great & General Court to be holden in Boston on Wednesday the 27th day of may Instant and so from Day to day during their Session or Sessions

And make return of your Doings thereon to some one of us at or Before the hour of Meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Seventh day of May AD 1778

Elisha Brigham
Wm Brigham
Perley Batchiller
Benja Goddard

Selectmen of Grafton

Worc. ss. In obedience to this warrant I have warned the votable inhabitants of this Town to met at time and place according to your order By Posting a Copy of the Same at the meeting at Both meeting houses in s.d Town

Grafton may 18. 1778

Isaiah Fairbanks Constable

May 18 1778 The Town of Grafton Being assembled Pursuant to warning Made Choice of Capt Nath.l Sherman to Serve for & Represent them in y.e Great & General Court the year Ensuing Benja Goddard Clerk

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Worc. ss To Mr. Isaiah Fairbanks Constable for Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government and people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the Towns meeting house in said Grafton on monday the first day of June next at three of the Clock after-noon then & there to act as followeth viz

1 To Choose a moderator for said Meeting

2 To Choose a County Treasurer

3 For the Town to make up the Deficiency of Continental men or act thereon as they shall think proper

And fail not of making return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 28th day of may AD. 1778

Worcester ss Grafton June 1 1778 In obedience to this warrant I have warned the votable Inhabitants of this Town to met at time & place according to your order By Posting a Copy of the same

Isaiah Fairbanks Constable

June 1778 — (352)

June 1: 1778 The Town of Grafton met Purſuant to warning & proceeded vi
1 By voit Chos Elisha Brigham Moderator for said meeting
2 The Town Collected Nineteen voits for Nathan Perry of Worcester for County-Treasurer
Elisha Brigham Moderator — —

Worcester ſs To Mr Aſaph Sherman Conſtable for y Town of Grafton Greetin
You are Required in the name of the Government & People of Mass
Chuſetts-Bay to notify all the volable Inhabitants of this Town
to aſsemble at the Town, meeting-house in ſaid Grafton on Thurſ
day the 23d day of June Inſtant at 3: o Clock after noon then
and there to act as fallowith viz —
1 To Choose a Moderator for ſaid Meeting
2 For the Town to hear Daniel Grouts Requeſt reſpecting part
of his last Taxe on his perſonal Eſtate and to act thereon as they
ſhall think proper
3 To See what the Town will order Reſpecting of filling up
the vacancy of Continental men in this Town

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant with your
doings thereon to ſome one of us at or before y hour of meeting
Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 16th day
of June A:D 1778 —
Elisha Brigham
Wm Brigham
Eph Lyon — } Select-men
Perley Batchellor
Benja Goddard } of Grafton

Worcester ſs Purſuant to the within warrant
I have warned the volable Inhabitants
to meet at Time & place within mentioned
Grafton June 20 1778 Aſaph Sherman Conſtable

June 23: 1778 The Town of Grafton met purſuant to warning
and proceeded as fallowith viz —
1 By voit Chose John Sherman moderator
art 2 Put to voit whether the Town will abate that part of Daniel
Grouts rate, as was Last Taxed for his money Paſs: in y Negative
John Sherman Moderator

Worcr ſs To Mr Jeziah Rawbuntin
Conſtable for the Town of Grafton — — — — — Greeting
You are hereby Required in the Name of the Government and
People of the State of Maſsachuſetts-Bay to warn all the
volable Inhabitants of Grafton to aſsemble at the Town,
Meeting-house in ſd Grafton on monday the 12th day of
october next at one of the Clock after noon then and there
to act on the fallowing articles viz —
1 To Choose a moderator for ſaid meeting
2 To Grant money to defray Town Charges
3 To Grant money to Repair highways y ensuing year
4 For the Town to hear Elijah Rice, Requeſt for the Abatement
of his Rates & to act thereon as they ſhall think proper

6 To see if the Town will abate the rate assess'd on Benja Cogswell's poll in the hands of Isaiah Fairbanks Late Constable

6 To see if the Town will abate David Cutlers rate in the hands of Isaiah Fairbanks Late Constable

7 To accept Town Debts - - -

8 To see if the Town will allow Philemon Stacy for money in his hands Rec'd of the Town for Rates proved to be Counterfeit - - -

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal this Twenty Sixth day of September An Dom 1778

Elisha Brigham
Benja Goddard
Wm Brigham
Derby Batchellor
} Selectmen of Grafton

Return

Worc: ss In obedience to this warrant I have warned y votable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time & Place according to your order by Posting the meeting at Both meeting-houses in said Grafton

Grafton October 12th. 1778 Isaiah Fairbanks Constable

October 12th 1778 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as followeth viz

1 By vote Chose Wm Brigham Moderator for said meeting - - -

2 By vote Granted £400. To Defray Town Charges - - -

3 By vote Granted £300 To Repair highways y ensuing year

7 accepted of a bill Brot in by Thos Axtell for Boarding Hannah Philips 26 weeks at 20/pr week Sum Total - - £26 -

accepted of a bill Brot in by Benja Goddard for procuring a Book for the Town to Record Town votes &c - - £2-8 - -

8 By vote allowed Phil.m Stacy for Counterfeit money in his hand viz 40/ - - -

Wm Brigham Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr. Asaph Sherman Constable for Grafton-Greeting

You are hereby Required In the name of the Government & people of the State of Massachusetts-Bay to warn & notify all the votable Inhabitants of this Town to assemble at the Towns meeting-house in s.d Grafton on monday y seventh day of December Instant at one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act as followeth viz

1 To Choose a Moderator for s.d meeting

2 For the Town to hear the Hon.d Mr Gravenor proposals to the Church Respecting Supplying the pulpit for a Term of time and the vote of the Church thereupon and to Concur therewith or act thereon as they shall think proper - - -

3 To accept Town Debts

4 For the Town to abate the Rates assess'd on Benj.a Cogswell's poll in the hands of Isaiah Fairbanks Late Constable

Fairbanks

6 To see if the Town will Choose a Committee man to provide for the families of the Continental Soldiers in the room of Lt Joseph Brue - - -

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting -

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this Seven day of December AD 1778

Elisha Brigham } Selectmen
Benja Goddard }
Wm Brigham } of Graf
Perley Batchellor

In obedience to y within warrant I have notified y Inhabitants of time & place of sd meeting by posting y within warrant Japh Thurber Const
Grafton December 7 1778 - - -

December 7th 1778

The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as follows viz 1 By vote Chose Elisha Brigham Moderator for sd meeting -

2 Then the Town voted to Supply the pulpit from this time to the first of April next

Then by vote appointed the Select-men to Employ a man to Supply the pulpit for sd Term

4th art By vote abated Benja Cogsdalls rates on his poll in the hands of Isaiah Fairbanks Late Constable - Elisha Brigham Moderator

Henry Prentiss Entered his dissent against the above sd meeting as not being Legally warned - Attt Benja Goddard Town Clerk - - -

Worcester ss To Mr Isaiah Fairbanks Constable of Town of Grafton Gr

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government and people of the State of Massachusetts-Bay to warn & notify all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the Towns meetinghouse in sd Grafton on monday the Twenty Eighth of this Instant December at one of the Clock afternoon then & there to act as followeth -

1 To Choose a moderator for said meeting

2 To See if the Town will Grant money to Supply the pulpit from the Date hereof to the first of April next - - -

3 To accept Town Debts -

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting - - - - - - - -

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 14th day of December AD 1778 -

Elisha Brigham } Selectmen
Benja Goddard }
Wm Brigham } of Graf
Eph Lyon
Perley Batchellor

Worcester ss Grafton Dec 26th 1778 pursuant to a warrant to me directed to me I have warned y votable Inhabitants of this Town to meet at time and place according to your order by riding -

Isaiah Fairbanks } Constable

The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and proceeded as follows
By vote Chose Lt Asaph Sherman Moderator
Then put to vote whether the Town will Grant money to Supply y
Pulpit agreable to the second article in the warrant past in y Negative
Asaph Sherman Moderator

Worcester ss To Mr Asaph Sherman Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Government & people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn & notify all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton to assemble at the Towns meeting house in Sd Grafton on monday the first day of March next at Eight of the Clock in the morning then and there to act as followeth Viz

1 To Choose a Moderator for said meeting
2 To Choose Town officers for the Currant year
3 To accept Town debts
4 For the Town to direct how to provide for Schooling the Currant year
5 To see if the Town will suffer the Swine to run at large y Currant year
6 To see if the Town will dismiss the present Committee Chosen ~~of late~~ to provide for the familes of the Continental Soldiers & Choose another Committee in their room
7 To hear & Consider the report of the Town Treasurer
8 To see what the Town will allow a day for man & for oxen & for Cart to work at highways the Currant year
9 To see if the Town will allow those Squadrons who have not had their part of Schooling the year past to draw their part of money to lay out for Schooling hereafter
10 To see if the Town will Repair the old Meeting house or Build a new one or act thereon as they Shall think proper
11 To abate the rates assessed on Elisha Aldrich in the hand of Jonr Stow Late Constable
12 To see if the Town will accept of a road laid out from Isaiah Fairbanks land to the Country road as the Select men have laid it

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 4th day of February Anno Domi 1779

Elisha Brigham
Benjn Goddard
Eph Lyon
Wm Brigham
Perley Batchelor
Selectmen of Grafton

return

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified & warned all the votable Inhabitants of Sd Grafton by time & place of Sd meeting by Setting Copies of Warrant
Grafton March 1: 1779 Asaph Sherman Constable

March 1st 1779 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded as followeth Viz
By vote Chose Jos. Bruce Moderator for said meeting

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March 1779 - - - -

Voted to have five Select-men the Currant year
By vote Chose Benja Goddard
By vote Chose Silas Harrim - - - } Selectmen

Then By vote adjourn'd for one hour to this place
for Brass Moderator
on adjournment the Town met at time & place & proceed as viz -
By vote Chose Tim°. Sherman
By vote Chose Andrew Adams } Selectmen
By vote Chose Moses Harrington
By vote Chose Jos Meriam } Town Treasurer -
By vote Chose Benja Goddard Town Clerk -
Voted to have a Committee of Correspondence of 3 men
By vote Chose Wm Brigham
By vote Chose Eph'm Sherman } for said
By vote Chose Ebenr Sadler } Committee
Voted to have 3 assessors -
By vote Chose Jos Meriam Jr
By vote Chose Dr Jos. Wood } assessors
By vote Chose Jona Stow

By vote Chose Abner Temple Constable for the north side of the To
Voted to Choose 3 Tythingmen
By vote Chose Amor Davis
By vote Chose Daniel Hayden } Tythingmen
By vote Chose Luke Drury
Voted to have Seven Surveyors of highways this year -
By vote Chose Jona. Robinson
By vote Chose Simon Wait
By vote Chose Ebenr Leland
By vote Chose Tim°. Johnson } Surveyors
By vote Chose Jos Perry Jr
By vote Chose Nath'l Green
By vote Chose Simon Brown

Then put to vote whether the Town will have Surveyor of highway
Collectors of the highway rate the Currant year pass'd in the affirma
voted to 7 Hogreaves this year viz
By vote Chose Phil'p Stacey
By vote Chose Abner Stow Jr
By vote Chose Henry Prentice
By vote Chose Sam'l Leland } Hogreaves
By vote Chose Jos Brown -
By vote Chose Wm Brigham
By vote Chose Jona. Stow.

Voted to have 2 fine wards
By vote Chose David Stow
& Sol°. Goddell - - - -

Voted to have 2 field drivers viz -
By vote Chose Benja Garfield } field
& Eliakim Garfield - - - } drivers

Voted to have 3 fine viewers By vote Chose Sholo. Stow
Benja Lathe
& Tim°. Sherman } fine viewers

By vote Chose Jos Whipple Sealer of Leather - - -
By vote Chose Capt. Aaron Kimball Sealer of Lumber -

March 1779

Voted to have five men for a School Committee By vote Chose Capt Ephm Low Capt Luke Drury Amos Davis Nath. Batchellor & Jos Perry Jr for S. Committee
Then By vote adjourn'd this meeting to the Second day of March Instant at 12 O Clock at noon to the meeting house Joseph Brown Moderator
March 2 1779 The Town being met on adjournment proceeded viz. ——
pass'd a vote to have the Swine run at large the Current year ——
Then proceeded to accept Town debts
By vote allowed Nathan Morse for keeping School & Boarding him £42-10-0
By vote allowed Wd. Rachel Brooks for Boarding a School dame —— 5——
By vote allowed Noah Brooks Kimball for mending y meeting house —— 18-
By vote allowed Elijah Brown for taking Care of the meeting house & for polling the pound —— 3-15-
By vote allowed John Whipple for providing Schooling Boarding —— 23-7-6
By vote allowed Thos Axtell for Boarding Hannah Phillips 20 weeks —— 36——
By vote allowd Abigail Child for keeping School —— 4-10-
By vote allowed Esqr Lyon for Copying the valuation &c —— 10-
By vote allowed Noah B. Kimball for mending two Bridges &c —— 14-6
By vote allowed Jona. Jeffers for Teaching a School 4 weeks By D. Hunting Com.tee men 10-10-
By vote allowed Moses Hayden for Boarding a School master five weeks 7-10-
By vote allowed Jona. Jeffers for Teaching a School 6 1/2 weeks —— 16-10-
By vote allowed John Whipple for providing five weeks Schooling —— 15——
By vote accepted of Benja Goddards Bill for Copying the valuation &c —— 10——
By vote a Committe (Chosen of Late to provide for the families of the Continental Soldiers in this Town) presenting their account for acceptance voted to have a Com.tee of three men to Examine their account By vote Chose Jos Meriam Jr (for.d Luke Drury John Whipple Committee
By vote Chose Nath.l Ward Constable for the north side of the Town sworn
Then by vote adjourn'd this meeting to the 15th of this instant march at 12 O Cock at noon to the meeting house Joseph Brown Moderator
March 15 1779 the Town of Grafton met on adjournment & proceeded viz
Voted to add Two men to the Committee Chosen to Examine the above Committees account By vote Chose Jos. Brown & Moses Holbrook in addition to the above Committee
Then put to vote whether the Town will impower & direct the Committee Chosen to Examine the Committees account (which have been Chosen of Late to provide for the families of the Continental Soldiers) to Examine their former account which have been already accepted & their present accompts & make report to the Town —— pass'd in the affirm.e ——
Then By vote adjourned this meeting for one hour to this place ——
—— Report of the State of y Treasurer —— Joseph Brown Moderator
Grafton Feb.y 24 1779 Reckoned with the Town Treasurer and find
The Town indebted —— £1063-12-11-1
Besides Interest - Errors Excepted the Last Grant not assess.d
the above Sum Exclusive of a Tender of £27-4-0 to the Reverend
Mr Hutchenson —— £27-4-0
£1090-16-11-1

Wm. Brigham
Perley Batchellor Select men
Benja Goddard

Joseph Meriam Jr Town Treasurer

Then By vote adjourn'd this Meeting to Monday the 22 day of the March at Ten of the Clock in ye fore noon Jon. Bruce Modera.

March 22. 1779 The Town being met on adjournment proceeded upon a Peter Templis refusing to Serve Constable the Town Chose Ebenr Wadsworth to Serve Constable in his room —

By vote allowed 20/ pr day for a man to work at highways & 10/ pr day for oxen & 5/ pr day for Cart the Currant year

Put to vote whether the Town will allow those Squadrons who not had their part of Schooling the year past to draw pa of money to Lay out for Schooling hereafter past in ye affirma

Then by vote adjourn'd this Meeting for 15 minutes to this place moderat on adjournment the Town met —

Then voted to have a Committee of five men to Examine the Meeting-house whether it is worth Repairing also to Consult the owners of the Pews whether they will Give up their Rights the pews & make report to the Town — By vote Chose Capt Luke Drury

Moses Hayden
Nath Batchellor
Perley Batchellor
& Capt Jon Warren

By vote abated Elisha Aldriches Rates in Jon. Stows hand Rate

Then by vote adjourn'd this meeting to Monday the 29th day of this instant March at one O Clock after noon to this place

Jon. Bruce Moderator —

March 29 1779 the Town of Grafton met on adjournment from Mar 22 Instant & proceeded to accept Town debts viz —

By vote accepted of a Bill Brot in by Wd Ennice Luther for Boarding & taking Care of Hannah Philips — £3-18-

accepted of Solo Brooks Bill for providing a School — 15-0-

accepted of Peggy Garfields Bill for money paid to Hannah Grover 1-14-

accepted of the Committee account for supplying the families of the Continental Soldiers viz £16 advanc to Moses Hufe £39 advanc to Benja Grover £12 to Jon. Smith 2d £12 to Peter Butler the whole of which amounts to £79-6-2 they are in advance 79-6-

also Due to Peter Butler — 56-14-

and that there is due to Moses Hufe — 30-13-

the Sum total Due from the Town on these accts amount to £166-14-

Put to vote whether the Town will impower the Committee Chosen to Exam the meeting house &c to See how they Can Settle with the proprietors of the meeting house Pews Belonging to the meetinghouse in Gra and make report to the Town on the adjournment of this meetin

& passd in the affirmative

Voted to have a Committee of three men to Supply the families of the Continental Soldiers By vote Chose

Grafton November 16 1779 Then Laid out a bridle road in Grafton Beginning at Josiah Fairbanks Land by a Gate as the road is now Trod Two Rods wide through Abraham Temples Land about Seventy rods in to the Town road to the Cor of Colo Gouldings fence on Consideration of sd Fairbanks Being freed paying highway tater & of having a Good Gate built & maintained at sd Town road at the Expence of the Town Benj Goddard

The above Road Read & accepted Epht Lyon

By the Town — Perley Batchellor

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Worc.ss To the Constables of G[illegible] or Either of them Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government & people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to warn & notify all the votable Inhabitants of this Town to assemble at the Town meeting house in Sd Grafton on monday the 15th of this instant march at 2 o'Clock after noon then & their to act as followeth - viz -

To Choose a Moderator for Sd meeting

To Grant mony to defray Town Charges

To hear a late act of Court read Entitled an act against monopolizing Forestalling &c to Comply therewith if they See Cause - - -

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to Some one of us at or Before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this 2d day of March Dc 1779 - - -

Benja Goddard
Silas Warrin
Andrew Adams
Moses Harrington
Jona Sherman
} Selectmen of Grafton

Worcs ss Grafton March 15. 1779

In obedience to this warrant I have warned the votable inhabitants of this Town to meet at time & place awarding to your order by Posting a Copy of the same Isaah Fairbanks Constable - - -

March 15 1779 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning & proceeded

By vote Chose Silas Warrin Moderator for said meeting

By vote Granted £700 - - To Defray Town Charges

Then voted to Comply with the Courts act agreable to the 3d (in 4 warn votables)

voted to have 3 men Chosen for inspectors of the market - - -

By vote Chose
Capt Luke Drury
Ebenr Sadler
& Henry Prentice
} Inspectors of the market

Silas Warrin Moderator

Worcs ss To Mr Asaph Sherman Constable for the Town of Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government & people of the State of Massachusetts Bay to notify & warn all the votable Inhabitants of this Town to assemble at the Town meeting house in said Grafton on monday ye 22 day of march Instant at 3 O'Clock after noon then & their to act as followeth - - - - - viz

To Choose a moderator for Sd meeting

For the Town to impower the Treasurer to hire mony to supply the present want of the Treasury or act thereon as they Shall think fit

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this fifteenth day of March 1779:

Silas Warrin
Moses Harrington
Benja Goddard
Jona Sherman
} Selectmen of Grafton

Return - -

In obedience to this warrant I have notified all the votable Inhabitants of Sd Grafton By Posting Copies of Sd warrant

Grafton March 22 1779 Asaph Sherman Constable

March 22. 1779 the Town of Grafton being met agreable to warnin
Proceeded as follows viz
1 By vote Chose Capt. Nicholas Power Moderator for D meeting
2 Put to vote whether the Town will order the Treasurer to hire
£ 727 with the interest over & above D Town to pay the nine month
men their hire for serving in the army which is due to them from the 18 of
last may for the Term of three or six months as he can but hire
Pass'd in y affirm.ve
Nicholas Power Moderator

Then By vote adjourned this meeting to monday the fifth day of April
at one of the Clock afternoon to the meeting house
Joseph Bruce — Moderat

April 5th 1779 The Town of Grafton being met on adjournment from m
29 1779 and Proceeded viz
after the Comm.tte Chosen to treat with the proprietors of the pews
their report Put to vote whether the Town will accept thereof and it
pass'd in the affirmative
Then Put to vote whether the Town will Repair the old meet
house and it pass'd in the Negative
Then the vote was Put whether the Town will Build a new meet
ing-house and it pass'd in the affirmative
Then the Town pass'd a vote to have a Committee of five men Chos
to plann out the Meeting house — By vote Chose Capt Luke Brew
Col.o Jn.o Goulding Nath.l Batchellor Lt Jon.a Stow & Lt Philemo
Stacey for D Committe

Proceeded to accept Town debts — for
Accepted of John Shermans account finding Hannah Grover
one Barrel of Cyder — £1-10-0
accepted of Benja Garfields Bill for Boarding a school
Master five week & half £8-5 and for Taking a valu
ation & making rates — 5-10 Sum total — 13-15-0
allowed John Thurston Bill for Taking the valuation &
Making Rates — 4-10-0

Then By vote adjourn.d this meeting for 1½ minutes Joseph Bruce moderat
The Town met on adjournment & put to vote whether the Town
order the above Comm.tte Chosen to plan out the meeting house to
report to the Town on the adjournment of this meeting pass'd in
the affirmative
Then by vote adjourn.d this meeting to the 17 day of may next at
the meeting house one o Clock afternoon Jos Bruce Moderator

May 17 1779 The Town met on adjournment of the march meeting
& put to vote whether the Town will hire a ~~Collector~~ man to Collect
Minister rate for the north Side of the Town the year Ensuing pass'd
By vote Chose Nath.l Grover Collector of the Minister rate on the n
Side of the Town & he was sworn Before Charles Brigham Esqr
after hearing the report of the Town Com.tte for plazing the
meeting house voted to adjourn to 3 o Clock to this place
Joseph Bruce Mo

Worcester ss To Nath[l] Ward Constable for the Town of Grafton — Greeting
You are hereby Required in the name of the Government & people of the State
of massachusetts-Bay to warn & notify all the votable Inhabitants of Grafton
to assemble at the Town meting house in said Grafton on monday the
fifth day of April next at 4 of the Clock afternoon then & there the acts & affairs
1 To Choose a moderator for said meeting
2 For the Town to order the Treasurer to hire money to supply the
familis of the Continental Soldiers or act thereon as they shall think prop
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings
thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting
Given under our hands and Seal at Grafton this 30th day of
march A[D] 1779 — — —
Silas Wayrin
Benja Goddard
Andrew Adams
Moses Harrington
} Select-men of Grafton

In obedience to the within warrant I have
warned all the votable Inhabitants of the
Town of Grafton to meet at the time & place
within mentioned Grafton April 5th 1779 Nath[l] Ward Constable
April 5th 1779 The Town of Grafton being met pursuant to warning
proceeded as follows Viz — —
1 By vote Chose Andrew Adams Moderator for said meeting
2 put to vote whether the Town will impower the Treasurer to
hire money to supply the familis of the Continental Soldiers
Pass[d] in the affirmative Andrew Adams Moderator

an account of the Town officers for the year 1779 that are sworn
Nath[l] Ward Constable Sworn Eben[r] Wadsworth Constable took
the affirmation Equivelant to an oath Benja Goddard Town Clerk
Sworn for Moriah[s] D[r] for Wood D[o] Jon[a] Stow assessor Sworn
Eben[r] Leland for Perry[s] Nath[l] Grover Simon Brue Jim[a] Johns
Benja Lathe fence viewers Sworn Shelomith Stow Jim[a] Sherman &
Surveyors & Collectors Sworn Simon Wait & Jon[a] Robinson
Surveyors & Collectors Sworn

Five of the Clock 17 May 1779 the Town being met on adjournment
By vote adjourn[d] this meeting again to Monday 4 7th of June
next at one of the Clock afternoon to this meeting house
Joseph Brue Moderator

June 7th 1779 The Town met on adjournment of the March meeting &
Put to vote whether the Town will accept of a plan procured by the Town
Com[tte] Chosen for that purpose — — pass[d] in the Negative — —
Then voted to have a Committe of five men to see what the pew men
will do towards Repairing the old meeting house or what they will
take for their pews or to see what other proposals they will make
By vote Chose Col[o] John Goulding Jon[a] Stow Andrew Adams David
Forbush & Elisha Brigham for s[d] Comtte
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Worcester ss To Mr Nath[l] Ward Constable for the Town of Grafton-

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government & people of the Massachusetts-Bay to warn & notify all the Inhabitants of the South Side of Grafton duly Qualified By Law to vote for a Representative to assemble at the Towns meeting-house in said Graf[t]on on monday the 17th day of this Instant may at 3 of the Clock afternoon then & there to Chuse one or more Good & lawful men to Serve for & Represent them in the Great & General Court for the year Ensuing

And make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Grafton this Seventh day of May A D 1779

Andrew Adams
Silas Warrin
Moses Harrington
Benja Goddard
Jim[a] Sherman
} Select men of Grafton

Return

In obedience to the within warrant I have warn[d] all the votable Inhabitants on the South Side of the Town of Grafton to meet at the time & place & for the purpose within mentioned

Grafton may 15 1779 — Nath[l] Ward Constable

~~May 17 1779 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and made Choice of Ens[n] Jos. Batchelor to Represent them at the Great & General Court the year Ensuing~~

The 7th of may 1779 The same warrant in form was Committed to Ebn[r] Wadsworth one of the Constables of Grafton to warn the north Side of Grafton to assemble at time & place & for the same purpose

his Return

Grafton 15 day of the 5th month 1779

I have warned the north Side of the Town to meet at the Time and place to me directed Ebenezer Wadsworth Constable

may 17 1779 The Town of Grafton met pursuant to warning and made Choice of Ens[n] Jos. Batchelor to Represent them at the Great and General Court the year Ensuing

attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

Worc[r] ss To Mr Nath[l] Ward Constable for Grafton Greeting

You are hereby Required in the name of the Government & people of the Massachusetts-Bay to warn all the votable Inhabitants of the South Side of Grafton to assemble at the Towns meeting-house in said Grafton on monday the 17 of this Instant may at 4 O Clock afternoon then & there to act as follows Viz

1 To Chuse a moderator for s[d] meeting
2 To hear an act of Court read respecting a new Constitution or form of Government and act thereon as they shall think proper

3 To hear a petition of a number of the Inhabitants of Graston for Selling the School lot So Called and act thereon as they Shall think proper
4 To See if the Town will allow the Constables pay at the Town meetings for the present year by Voting or act thereon as they Shall think proper
5 For the Town to abate the rate assest on Jacob Hows in the hands of Asaph Sherman Late Constable
6 To See if the Town will Choose a Committee to Supply the pulpit until the first of next September & to impower Sd Committee to draw money out of the treasury therefor

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the hour of meeting

Given under our hands & Seal at Graston this Seventh day of may Ano Domi 1779

Andrew Adams
Silas Warrin
Benja Goddard
Moses Harrington
Timo Sherman
} Select men of Graston

In obedience to this warrant I have warnd all the votable Inhabitants on the north side of the Town of Graston to meet at Time & place for the purpose within mentioned
Graston may 15 1779
Nath Ward Constable

The 7th of may 1779 the same Warrant in form was Committed to Ebenezer Wadsworth Constable for Graston to warn the north side of the Town to assemble at time and place for the same purpose

His Return as follows viz

Graston 15 day of the 5 month 1779
I have warnd the north side of the Town to meet at the Time & place to me directed
Ebenr Wadsworth Constable

The 17 day of may 1779 The Town of of Graston met pursuant to warning
1 Voted Chose Andrew Adams Moderator
After reading the Court act refered to in the 2d article respecting a new form of Government The vote was put whether the Town [redacted] are for having a new form of Government made at this time and the vote stood as follows viz forty four — votes to have a new form & Eight voted against it

Then voted that the Representative of this Town be instructed to use his interest & influence to have a Convention Chosen By the freemen of Each Town within this State for the Sole purpose of forming a new Constitution or form of Government
2 to vote whether the Town will Sell the School Lot past in the negative
Voted to have the Town meeting warned the present year as was warned the Last year
Voted to abate Jacob Hows rate in Asaph Shermans hands Late Constable
Voted to pass over the last article
Andrew Adams Moderator

By vote adjorned this meeting to the 16th day of June Instant at 12 O Clock at noon to the meting house Joseph Brow Moderator
June 16 1779 the town met on adjornment of the march Meeting from 7th of June 1779 and proceeded viz
Put to vote whither the Town will Reconsider the vote pass the 5th of April last for Building a new meeting house and it pass'd in the affirmative
Accepted of John Chamans Bill for going to Boston for Powder for y Town Stock £ 5 : 0 - 0
Then the vote was put whither the Town will accept of the Report of the Committee Chosen to Consult with the pew men What they will do towards Repairing the old meting-house &c . . pass in the Negative
Then By vote dessolved this meeting Joseph Brow Moderator

To the Gentlemen Select men of Grafton
I took into a dwelling house of mine in Grafton on y 9th day of march Last Thir: Sanger & Lois Sanger his wife and Mary Sanger Daughter of Isaac Sanger all late of Croyden in the State of New hampshire as to their Circumstances I know not any thing
Grafton April 27th 1779 John Goulding

To the Select men of Grafton
These may certify that I have taken into my dwelling house in Grafton a Transient person named Wm White & his wife & a young Child who Came last from Brimfton & I take him to be a man in indigent Circumstances
Abigail Cutler her mark
These certify that I have taken into my dwelling house in Grafton about the middle of April last past Wm Kingsford & his wife & a young Child & they Came last from Shrewsbury
Grafton May 8th 1780
To the Select men or overseers of y poor of the Town of Grafton
Ebenr Cutler

To the Select men of Grafton Gent
I would inform you that I did on the first day of Decr last took into my house one Child from Sutton Daughter of Samll Woodard named Submit aged four years old said Child is to Live with me untill she is Eighteen years old
Grafton Decr 8th 1779 Simon Wait

To the Select men of Grafton Gentlemen This is to inform you that I Did on the thirtth day of Last march take into my house Reuben Hoyt & Lucy his wife
Grafton April 4th 1780 David Stow

To the Select men of Grafton Gentlemen These are to notify you that I the Subscriber have taken into a dwelling house of mine in Grafton on y 29th day of may 1780 the persons hereafter named viz Henderson Walkup Sarah Walkup his wife Hannah Walkup Sarah Walkup & Deborah Walkup his Daughters
Grafton June 27th 1780
Benja Rockwood

in Grafton on the 27th of July 1788

Taken up by the Subscriber nine old Sheep & five young ones all White. Eight horned ones & one with a black spot behind his Shoulder Two half pennys Cut out of Each off Ear

Elijah Brue

Taken up in Damage in Grafton on the first day of June 1788 a Gelding Horse about fourteen hands high of a White Colour Spotted with a light black natural trotter & is shod all round and has two wall eyes

Grafton June 5th 1788 Daniel Shaw

This may Certify that the above mentioned horse taken up by Daniel Shaw was appriced at five pounds by William Brigham & Timothy Sherman on the said fifth day of June 1788 being Sworn to the faithful Discharge of ye trust

Before me Benja Goddard Just Peace

Taken up in Damage in Grafton by Thomas Harrington a Red Steer supposed to be three years old with some white on his belly

Grafton June 19th 1788 Moses Harrington

The Intention of marriage between James Couch & Patience David Enter'd with me Sept: 1774 both of Grafton

Nath'l Prentice Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Between Andrew Abram (Alias Samson) & Lydia Corbin both of Grafton Enter'd with me Decem'r 20th 1774 Pr Nath'l Prentice Town Clerk

Intention of marriage between Ezra Thomas of [illegible] in the State of Connecticut and Miss Comfort Wright of this Town made known and Entered by me Feb'y 6th 1777

Intention of Marriage Betwn George Grout of this Town & Jane Cotton of Hopkinton made known and Entered April 24th 1777

Benja Goddard Town Clk

Intention of Marriage Between Jonathan Burnap of this Town & Phileny of Mendon Made known and Entered with me Grafton May 22. 1778

Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The Intention of Marriage Between Jonathan Burnap of this Town & Sarah Wilson of Sutton made known October 10th 1781 Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The intention of marriage Betwixt Andrew Brown & Hannah Komicken both of Grafton made known Nov'r 3 1781 attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

[illegible] Grafton April 27 1779 John Young

[illegible]

To the Selectmen of Grafton Sirs: These are to inform you that I have this day gone about the 22d of April for one year. Signed at Sutton by Nathaniel Chamberlain Esqr one of Justices of the Peace for said County of Worcester Thomas Samuel Aldrich Benja Abigail Green Esqrs one Justice of the Peace for said County of Worcester Mary Shannon

To the Selectmen of Grafton Sirs I took into a Warrant from Justice of Union in Grafton on the 9th day of March last Whereby I was Commanded to Search for Stolen Goods and found none but Mary Shannon of Grafton April 27 1779 John Young

The above is a true Copy Attest Benja Goddard Town Clerk

The 4th day of July 1775 Recd of Jos. Batchellor & others Select men of Grafton One Town Stock of powder Containing 50th weight to the use of the Colony & the Massachusetts which Powder is to be replaced again as soon as the use of the Colony magazine will admit of it or paid for in money

Attest Singletary

True Copy of the Original Rect

Witness John Prentice Town Clerk

Andrew Brown & Hannah Comicher Both of Grafton were joined in marriage by the Subscriber April 3 1782 Benja Goddard J. Peace

Intention of marriage between Boston Phillips and Sarah Burnee both of Grafton made known Nov 1786 Benja Goddard

Intention of Marriage Between James Lemon of Grafton & Dinah Annum of Worcester made known the fifteenth day of august 1789

Benja Goddard Town Clk

The Intention of Marriage Between Cyrus Jones Charity [illegible] both of this Town made known the 15th of august 1789 Benja Goddard Town Clk

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